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All sides accept Tripoli truce offer

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
Post-Mideast Affairs Reporter and Agencies

All major parties involved in the seven-month-old conflict between PLO loyalists and rebels have announced their acceptance of a four-point settlement thrashed out at the end of last week by Saudi and Syrian mediators.

The settlement, which appears to have saved beleaguered PLO chairman Yasser Arafat from almost certain military defeat in his final Lebanese stronghold of Tripoli, calls for:

• A stable and permanent ceasefire in and around Tripoli and a total end to all forms of hostilities.

• Employment of peaceful methods to negotiate a political settlement of the inter-Palestinian dispute to safeguard the unity of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

• Departure of all Palestinian fighters from Tripoli and surrounding areas in northern Lebanon.

• The city's higher coordination committee of political and religious leaders, headed by Lebanon's ex-prime minister Rashid Karami, is entrusted with supervising the implementation of the ceasefire and departure of the Palestinians with their arms. The committee will devise the necessary steps for the

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Jemayel to confer with Reagan

Lebanon says it must 'coordinate' with Syria

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
Post-Mideast Affairs Reporter

Lebanon appeared to go out of its way over the weekend to placate Syria — but gave no clear sign that it is about to succumb to Damascus's demand that it scrap forthwith last May's agreement with Israel.

Foreign Minister Elie Salem told reporters in Damascus on Friday, after a three-hour meeting with his Syrian counterpart, Abdul-Halim Khaddam, that Beirut is aware of the need for "coordination" with Syria. "Lebanon has always considered (Syria) a gateway to the Arab world and a neighbour with whom relations must be tightened," he noted.

Salem described his meeting with Khaddam as "very cordial," and declared his confidence that "cooperation with Syria is basic towards resolving the Lebanese crisis."

Salem's visit to Damascus was followed yesterday by a statement attributed to Lebanese Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan, reiterating Lebanon's position that last May's agreement with Israel is effectively "frozen" and that all signs of Israel's "occupation" — including its liaison office north of Beirut — would "vanish" once all Israeli troops are withdrawn from Lebanon.

Wazzan's statement was clearly designed to meet Syria's objections to the accord, without going so far as to succumb to its demand that the pact be scrapped.

So far, Syria has not indicated that it is ready to drop this demand, and last month's national reconciliation talks in Geneva narrowly averted total breakdown over this issue.

A compromise formula charged Lebanese President Amin Jemayel with the task of finding an alternative way of ridding Lebanon of all foreign forces that would be acceptable to Damascus — an Arab world and a neighbour with whom relations must be tightened," he noted.

Jemayel is due to visit Washington later this week for talks with President Ronald Reagan and other U.S. officials, and the future of the accord and ways of ridding Lebanon of all foreign troops are expected to be high on the agenda.

The resumption of the national reconciliation conference in Geneva has been postponed indefinitely to enable Jemayel to complete his consultations in Washington and in several major Arab capitals, including Damascus. Jemayel's visit to Syria was called off at the last minute earlier this month following the sudden illness of President Hafez Assad.



A Syrian-backed PLO rebel looks through binoculars yesterday towards Tripoli from atop a Soviet-made T-55 tank in the Baddawi refugee camp outside the city. (UPI telephoto)

Don't inflate hopes of U.S. aid—Herzog

Jerusalem Post Staff

President Chaim Herzog warned Israelis on his return from the U.S. Friday morning not to have "exaggerated expectations" for the upcoming visit to Washington of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Moshe Arens, despite the current "comfortable attitude" towards Israel in Washington.

Answering questions at a press conference at Ben-Gurion Airport, Herzog said, however, that during his 11-day visit he found a very favourable atmosphere for Israel and a greater understanding of its views.

Herzog met privately with Shamir at the airport to report to him on conversations with President Ronald Reagan and other U.S. officials.

The president declined to give reporters many details of his talks in Washington, but did say he had not brought Shamir a message from Reagan.

Herzog said he found American Jewry has "strong support" for Israel, despite some differing views in the community on various issues.

He spoke before 6,000 North American Jewish communal and organizational leaders at the annual general assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations in Atlanta. He also became the first Israeli president to speak before the UN General Assembly in New York, and was widely interviewed by the press and broadcast media.

The president went directly from the airport to his private residence in Herzliya Pituah for a rest.

Mark Segal adds from Washington: Reagan reacted positively to an invitation to visit Israel from Herzog during their meeting, the Israeli president said in an interview before flying home Thursday afternoon.

Herzog asked Reagan: "When can we expect to see you in Israel?" The American leader responded warmly: "It's a very worthwhile idea. I'll have to consider it."

PM and Arens on way to Washington U.S. to give Shamir much of what he asks

Shamir: No settlement freeze on the agenda

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration is prepared to go a long way towards increasing economic, political, military and strategic cooperation with Israel during Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's talks here this week, U.S. officials said yesterday.

At the same time, they expressed doubt that Israel would receive everything it wants or that all of the areas of agreement would be publicized. Israeli officials agreed that some subjects are still considered too sensitive.

On the eve of Shamir's arrival, U.S. and Israeli officials were confident that the intensive schedule of talks would produce important achievements for both sides.

Shamir, accompanied by Defence Minister Moshe Arens, is due here today to begin talks at the State Department tomorrow with Secretary of State George Shultz and Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

Shamir has been invited to a working luncheon with President Ronald Reagan at the White House on Tuesday. At the end of that session, both leaders are expected to issue public declarations.

Shamir is due to address the National Press Club on Wednesday before flying to New York for meetings with Jewish leaders and others. He is scheduled to return to Israel on Thursday. Arens is expected to return on Wednesday.

The director-general of the Defence Ministry, Aluf (Res.) Menahem Meron, and the deputy

director-general of the Foreign Ministry, Hanan Baron, were in Washington all last week for preparatory discussions with U.S. officials, including Under-Secretary of State for Political Affairs Lawrence Eagleburger.

The schedule for the Shamir visit, Israeli officials said, has left the maximum amount of time open for substantive talks, with less emphasis on the largely symbolic aspects of such a visit. Thus, Reagan will not host Shamir at a formal White House state dinner.

Instead, Vice-President George Bush is to host a dinner Tuesday night in Shamir's honour.

American officials said yesterday they had already indicated to their Israeli counterparts that the U.S. is prepared to store military medical supplies in Israel. Jerusalem, however, has been pressing for the prepositioning of ammunition and other heavy military hardware. It is still unclear how far the administration is willing to go on this sensitive matter.

That is also the case involving joint U.S.-Israeli military maneuvers. The administration is willing to begin some aerial and naval maneuvers in the eastern Mediterranean, but Pentagon officials are still resisting Jerusalem's proposals for more meaningful ground exercises in Israel.

Another area of concern for Israel is the 1985 fiscal year foreign aid budget. Arens has made clear to the Americans in recent days that he wants the U.S. to provide Israel with \$1.7 billion in military as-

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Peres motion wins approval at Socialist Int'l

BRUSSELS (Reuters). — Bowing to pressure from Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres, the Socialist International agreed on Friday to a Middle East resolution, which included a commitment to "seek measures to guarantee the security of Israel's northern border."

This was the conclusion of the Middle East debate by Western socialist leaders here.

Lebanese Druse leader Walid Jumblatt, who criticized the Socialist International for "avoiding the issue" of Lebanon, told reporters after the debate that Portuguese Prime Minister Mario Soares had agreed to lead a fact-finding mission to combat what

Syrian air defences 'confront' two U.S. jets over Lebanon

DAMASCUS (AP). — Syrian air defences drove off U.S. jets that flew over Syrian positions in Lebanon yesterday, a Syrian Army spokesman reported.

The spokesman identified the intruding warplanes as F-14 Tomcats that "flew over areas under the control of our forces in Lebanon."

"Our defences confronted them and forced them to fly back toward the sea," the spokesman said in a communique distributed by the official news agency Sana. No further details were given.

The communique did not give the number of the jets nor say whether "confronted" meant that they were driven off by anti-aircraft ground fire or surface-to-air missiles. The communique also failed to say at ex-

actly what time yesterday the confrontation occurred.

Two Tomcats streaked over Beirut at midmorning in an easterly direction. Lebanon's state radio said that they were on a reconnaissance mission over the Lebanese capital and the hills surrounding the U.S. Marine peacekeeping base at the city's airport.

It could not be determined whether these two jets were the ones that drew Syrian fire and no spokesmen at the Marine base in Beirut were available for comment.

It was the second time in 16 days that Syrian positions fired at U.S. carrier jets of a navy flotilla stationed off the Beirut coast to support the 1,600 U.S. Marine contingent serving with the Multinational Peacekeeping Force.

Chile's foreign minister here

Jerusalem Post Staff

Chilean Foreign Minister Miguel Schweitzer Walters arrived last night for a three-and-a-half-day visit, together with his wife Maria Louisa Hernandez de Schweitzer and a team of aides. The purpose of the trip is to "improve the already good relations between our two countries," he said at Ben-Gurion Airport, according to a Foreign Ministry spokesman.

Today he is scheduled to meet with Justice Minister Moshe Nisim, who is acting foreign minister in the absence of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, and with Deputy Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir. This will be followed by a working meeting including staffs from both countries' ministries, which will deal with cooperation in agriculture, tourism, culture and trade.

On the occasion of Walters' visit, the Sons and Daughters of the Deported Jews of France organization has sent a letter to the government requesting it to present the



Miguel Schweitzer Walters

Chileans with an extradition request for Nazi war criminal Walter Rauff. SS Standartenführer Rauff, the letter states, "is responsible for the extermination of hundreds of thousands of Jews in the Kiev (Ukraine) region as well as in Poland and Yugoslavia by means of the mobile gas vans which he invented and whose technique he perfected."

Maccabi Netanya to the cellar

Post Sports Reporter

Maccabi Netanya, runaway victors in last year's National League football championship, went crashing to the bottom of the league yesterday, as a result of a 3-1 defeat on their home ground by Hapoel Tel Aviv.

Maccabi coach Mordechai Spiegler (a former captain of the national team) has demanded a meeting with the club management to review the situation following his side's performance yesterday, which he described as the worst of the season.

Many freed prisoners leave South Lebanon

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — Several hundred released detainees from the Ansar prison camp in South Lebanon left the area for Beirut during the weekend, crossing at the Awali River bridges controlled by the Israel Defence Forces.

On Thursday, the freed prisoners were brought from the camp as part of the exchange agreement, between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization to southern Lebanese towns, where local residents took them in. Most of those who then travelled north are Palestinians whose families reside in the Damur area, evacuated by Israel last September, or in refugee camps in northern Lebanon. Others were non-Lebanese intending to leave the country by way of Beirut Airport.

Southern Lebanon was relatively quiet during the weekend, as

celebrations were held in towns and villages throughout the area in honour of the released prisoners. The IDF plans to keep an eye on them through coordination with local leaders where possible.

Heads of civilian militias, Lebanese police and religious leaders are to be summoned to discuss the means at their disposal to help maintain order. Efforts will be made to impress on them that it is in their best interest to keep things quiet.

The Associated Press reports from Algiers that PLO executive committee member Jamal Sourani told reporters that many of the freed prisoners complained in Algiers they had been tortured during their detention, but he gave no details. He said the Palestinians "were treated like common criminals and not at all as prisoners of war under the terms of the Red

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Hussein scores U.S. for backing Israel

AMMAN (Reuters). — King Hussein of Jordan yesterday indirectly attacked U.S. support for Israel and said any Middle East peace initiative should preserve Palestinian identity, the official Jordanian news agency, PETRA, reported.

"There should be a differentiation between guarantees which friends of Israel extend to it in material support and the guarantees which become a means of bolstering its policies of occupation and expansion," the king said.

"Material aid to Israel must not be for the purpose of providing funds and means to support its policies of occupation, settlements and expansion," Hussein added.

He was speaking at a banquet he gave for visiting Italian President Sandro Pertini.

Tug-of-war for endowment funds

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A multi-million-dollar tug-of-war has been going on between three universities and their fund-raising organizations in the U.S. for control of their endowment funds.

The Hebrew University, the Technion, and the Weizmann Institute have been partially successful in shaking the money loose and transferring it to Israel, with about \$50 million having been transferred during the past two years. But \$135m. is still controlled by the fund-raising organizations which are legally independent bodies.

The total endowment funds of all seven universities are estimated at \$400m., although the exact figure is not known.

these universities, this would produce millions of dollars in extra income from incentive grants from the government. It would also enable the universities to keep closer tabs on the fund-raisers' expenses, which are deducted from the money collected.

The yields from most of the endowment funds, which are usually 7-10 per cent annually, are earmarked to finance professorial chairs, research institutes, and fellowships. The rest goes to the regular university budgets.

An investigation by The Jerusalem Post has revealed that the Hebrew University has \$90m. in endowment funds in the U.S. and \$94m. in Israel, the Weizmann Institute \$15m. in the U.S. and \$45m. in Israel, and the Technion an estimated \$30m. in the U.S. and \$50m.

in Israel. Only the Technion would not release exact figures.

Interviews with university presidents and officials and with officials of the Council for Higher Education have shown that the lay and professional fund-raisers have preferred to hold onto the funds while doling out the interest each year, after deducting expenses.

"This enabled them to play the role of wealthy patron and to write their own ticket for salaries and expenses," said one university official. "As trustees, they felt it was their duty to keep the money close at hand instead of depositing it in Israeli banks. They were also concerned about keeping within the rules for tax-exempt organizations set by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS)."

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GENEVA	4 39	10 50	Rain	
HELSINKI	3 37	5 41	Cloudy	
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JOHANNESBURG	18 54	28 82	Clear	
LONDON	14 57	18 64	Cloudy	
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MADRID	11 52	16 61	Fog	
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Forecast: Partly cloudy with chance of light rain in North

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
Jerusalem	49	9-18	19
Golan	49	12-18	19
Nahariya	55	11-22	22
Safed	55	11-22	22
Haifa Port	63	17-24	24
Tiberias	41	13-25	26
Nazareth	41	12-21	22
Afula	61	10-24	25
Shimon	54	10-20	21
Tel Aviv	76	13-21	22
B-G Airport	65	12-22	23
Jericho	40	12-26	27
Gaza	80	13-22	23
Beersheba	65	9-22	23
Eilat	44	16-24	35

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Aura Herzog visited the Philip Klutznick Museum at B'nai B'rith International Headquarters in Washington D.C. as the guest of Mrs. Vera Rosenne, wife of the Israel Ambassador to the U.S. and other members of the Diplomatic Corps. They saw an exhibition of paintings entitled "Children of the Holocaust."

PRISONERS

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Cross conventions.

Sourani asserted that conditions in the Israeli prison camps were "comparable to those in Nazi concentration camps." He said the prisoners were systematically ill-treated and were guarded by convicted common criminals to whom the Israelis gave privileged status.

Representatives of the released prisoners told reporters in Algiers that all 1,100 are "totally committed" to PLO leader Yasser Arafat in his struggle with Syrian-backed Palestinian rebels. Their spokesmen said the arrivals did not include a single supporter of the anti-Arafat factions.

PLO Lt. Col. Salah Taamari, who was president of the prisoners' defence committee in Ansar, said all the political tendencies within the PLO were represented among the 5,000 prisoners at the camp, but all agreed on the need for unity "behind our great leader Yasser Arafat."

Taamari also alleged that a number of the Palestinians freed from Ansar "disappeared" en route to Ben-Gurion Airport. Leaders of the released men felt their absence on the flight to Algiers, he said, and they suspect that Israel did not really free them.

In Tel Aviv, an organization of persons wounded by enemy action announced it has sent letters to the prime minister and defence minister, saying it rejoices with families whose sons have returned from captivity, but objects that so many "cruel murderers" were released. It said such killers deserve the death penalty.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Driver sought in attack on girl in Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Jerusalem police are looking for a driver who picked up a 17-year-old hitchhiker late Thursday night in Ein Kerem, before she was found near Hadassah Hospital having been brutally attacked.

The girl, a kibbutz member studying in Jerusalem, was found beside a campfire near the hospital by a Hadassah watchman who heard her cries for help. She was partly undressed, wounded by blows to the head and suffering from third-degree burns on the upper part of her body. She may have been raped as well.

The victim, who was immediately hospitalized, is also suffering from shock, and police have not been able to question her. A special investigation team has been set up, and a driver who reportedly offered her a ride into the centre of town is being sought.

Police last night described the girl's condition as fair.

Egypt again bars Israel from international book fair

CAIRO (AP). — Israel has been excluded from Egypt's International Book Fair for the second straight year, the weekly magazine *October*, said yesterday.

The magazine said the Culture Ministry had "rejected" Israel's request to join the book fair, which will be held next January, because of "the bloody political situation in Lebanon and Israel's insistence not to withdraw from Lebanon."

A Foreign Ministry spokesman, questioned by *The Jerusalem Post* last night, could not confirm the report. He said that the matter is still being dealt with.

Israel was also excluded from the book fair last January. It has participated in the fair since diplomatic ties were established in 1980 under the peace treaty signed the year before.

Earlier this week, Israeli players were barred from the Fourth World Amateur Karate Championship held in Cairo.

Although officials said the exclusion was based on the Israelis' late payment of registration fees, Israeli diplomats suspected it may have resulted from Arab and Egyptian pressure on the international committee.

Sanctions to start today in Haifa, Ashdod ports

HAIFA. — Stevedores in Haifa and Ashdod harbours are to start industrial action today to press their pay claims. They are to refuse overtime work and they intend to declare an official labour dispute to enable them to strike in a fortnight.

Wage talks with the Ports Authority broke down last Thursday, when the men refused to agree

to reduce the size of work gangs from six to four men each. The authority stated that only such a step would make it possible to give the men higher pay.

In Ashdod Port, which is full of freighters, the action will have an immediate effect. This will not be so in Haifa Port, which has little work at the moment.

Five suspects held for robberies, murder try

Jerusalem police last week arrested four local men and a woman suspected of involvement in an attempted murder and two armed robberies over the last two weeks.

Appearing in magistrates court on Friday, a police representative alleged that Yitzhak Lambert, 28, Yossi Molcho, 22, Moshe Meharg, 22, and Dani Elul, 24, were involved in the attempt to murder Meir Turgeman of Mevasser Zion 11 days ago. They also allegedly robbed a Givat Shaul petrol station a

week ago, and a greengrocer as he was returning home late at night.

The four, arrested last Thursday in Givat Mordechai, were found with an Uzi submachine gun, bullets, a knife and burglars' tools in their car, police said.

The suspects were ordered held for 15 days, and Ori Dahan, 22, found during a search at the home of one of the men and suspected of cooperating with them, was remanded for five days. (Itim)

TRIPOLI TRUCE

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evacuation, provided it does not take more than two weeks from the day the programme is communicated to the warring parties.

The governments of Saudi Arabia and Syria will offer all assistance Karami might seek to implement the agreement.

The agreement represents a major political coup for Arafat, reflecting the failure of the Syrian-backed rebels seriously to diminish the very strong support Arafat enjoys both among Palestinians at large and within the PLO leadership. This support strengthened considerably as the crisis proceeded towards its climax this month, finally persuading Damascus to accord the PLO leader what amounts to not only a military but also a political reprieve.

Arafat himself announced in Tripoli yesterday his acceptance of the agreement, which Saudi Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal confirmed in Damascus on Friday provides for the PLO chief's personal departure from Tripoli.

In Damascus, spokesmen for the two major factions in the Syrian-backed rebellion also endorsed the agreement, which had been thrashed out by Saud, his Syrian counterpart Abdul-Halim Khaddam and senior representatives of Arafat and his opponents.

NO FREEZE

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ing arms. As long as there is no peace, arms in the hands of Arabs are directed against Israel in the end, he warned.

Shamir conceded that the present situation amounts to a *de facto* peace with Jordan, but lacks links in various spheres, particularly diplomatic relations. The prime minister renewed his invitation to King Hussein to open peace negotiations with Israel.

As to plans for strategic cooperation between the U.S. and Israel, Shamir said that he will not be seeking a specific memorandum on such cooperation, but an understanding on common aims.

Over the weekend, the Tehiya Party served notice on the government that it will leave the coalition if Shamir and Defence Minister Moshe Arens agree to any concessions on Judea and Samaria during their U.S. visit.

Tehiya MK Gula Cohen reminded the government that the three votes of her party and possibly that of Matzad MK Haim Druckman, are sufficient either to bring down the government,



A young member of the Fish family contemplates his smashed front door on Friday morning, after Jerusalem police forced entry to his family's Mea She'arim apartment on Thursday night. The police were looking for a neighbour, whom they suspect of being involved in the City of David disturbances last summer, and wanted to gain entry to the Fish apartment to question the family. Police broke down the door after family members refused to let them in. (Rahamim Israeli)

Ata has no cash for wages, charges government neglect

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The 2,600 employees of the ailing Ata textile concern are unlikely to be paid their November wages, due next week, because the firm has no money, company secretary Emanuel Solomonov said last night.

He said Ata is losing nearly \$30,000 a day, and the firm's creditors are demanding payment on outstanding debts. The company has to pay back \$2 million on one loan which expired recently, and another \$2m. loan has to be paid by the end of this month.

In addition, several clients have notified the company that they are unwilling to order more goods from Ata, because they think the firm may soon close and therefore would be unable to honour its commitments, said Solomonov.

He said details of Ata's worsening

financial situation were reported to the board of directors on Friday. "We can no longer keep finding solutions on a day-to-day basis. What is needed now is for the government, and in particular the industry and trade minister, to fulfil their promises as soon as possible."

He said the ministry has not been in touch with the company for nearly a week, and there were reports that Minister Gideon Patt is due to leave Israel today for a week-long trip abroad.

"If the reports are true, then what little contact we had with the government will be severed completely, and Ata will be lost. Nobody here can understand how a minister of state can make a public promise and then not keep his word," he said.

An Industry and Trade Ministry spokesman denied last night that Patt intends going abroad.

Histadrut demands 17% now

The Histadrut is to demand payment of a 17 per cent advance on the January cost-of-living payment, the labour federation's Secretary-General Yeroham Meshel told Israel Radio on Friday. Meshel said that the employers "had not refused" this demand.

There will be a "crucial" meeting tomorrow to settle the amount and date of the payment of the advance, said Meshel.

He warned that time is working against the employers and that, if the negotiations did not succeed, the Histadrut would tell the Hevat Ovdim industries which it owns to pay the advance, and begin a campaign against other employers. There is already a strike headquarters, he noted, but he hopes it would not have to be used.

Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt said on Friday night that he favours paying an advance on the January C-o-L payment. Patt told Gali Zahal, the army radio, that it would be unfair to erode salaries to an extent unbearable by wage-earners. Furthermore, paying out large sums of money in February would be inflationary, he said. (Itim)

More cuts due in 1984-85

Post Economic Reporter

The Treasury is to present the cabinet with the first draft of the 1984-1985 budget within three weeks, ministry sources said yesterday.

The sources said the budget will probably involve a further decrease in government spending, in addition to the cuts currently being effected.

The Treasury has run into difficulties implementing the current government outbacks, but it is confident that by mid-January it will

have overcome the opposition to these measures and gained the cabinet's approval for the 1984-85 budget.

The Treasury expects a fall in tax revenue during 1984 as a result of the slowdown in economic activity and a drop in imports. This will necessitate a reduction in government expenditure, since it is thought that an increasing budgetary deficit would fuel inflation and aggravate balance-of-payments problems.

PERES MOTION

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Jumblatt called "Western disinformation."

Jumblatt, the only Arab delegate to the meeting, criticized the group for barring a Palestine Liberation Organization representative from attending as an observer.

Jumblatt said he met French Socialist Party Secretary-General, Lionel Jospin to discuss the role of French troops in the multinational Beirut peacekeeping force. "The peacekeeping force has now become an intervention force," said Jumblatt.

President Francois Mitterrand yesterday received Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres at Elysee Palace for a meeting lasting one hour and 40 minutes, Israel Radio reported last night.

Mitterrand told Peres that there had been a notable improvement in French-Israeli relations recently and that he welcomes this development.

Moscow warns U.S. not to attack Syria

MOSCOW (AFP). — The Soviet Union has warned the U.S. to "think carefully" before undertaking any military action against Syria.

An article in the Soviet *New Times* weekly said, "Syria has enough defensive power to repulse any possible attack."

Bethlehem University reopens for studies

The coordinator of operations in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, Tal-Aluf (Brig. Gen.) Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, agreed to reopen Bethlehem University yesterday. This followed a meeting with Vice Chancellor Brother Thomas Scanlan and Rector Dr. Anton Sansur.

Scanlan and Sansur promised to prevent disruptions of public order, such as those which led to the closing of the university for two months.

Rumours about Assad affecting Tripoli siege

BEIRUT (AP). — Rumours that Syrian President Hafez Assad is seriously ill are beginning to affect events in the Middle East, but the Syrian government has said nothing about Assad's health beyond that he is recovering from an appendectomy.

The rumours have been circulating for about two weeks, and yesterday officials in the Palestine Liberation Organization said that because of Assad's health, they feel in less of a hurry to deal with Damascus on the Syrian-backed rebels' demand that PLO chairman Yasser Arafat leave Tripoli.

The officials, who asked not to be identified, said that if Assad were seriously ill, he might have to step aside, and his successor might be more friendly to Arafat. Assad, 53, has been president of Syria since 1970.

The rumours started when a scheduled visit to Syria by Lebanese President Amin Jemayel was cancelled on November 13, because Assad was said to be ill. It was not until the following day that the government-controlled Syrian media confirmed reports that Assad had a successful operation for an inflamed appendix.

But the announcement did not quiet speculation about Assad's health. On November 21, western sources were quoted as saying that

Assad had apparently suffered heart attack and remain hospitalized.

Since then, various sources in the Middle East have said that Assad, suffering from leukemia or a stroke which partially paralyzed him, but no comment has come from the Syrian government about any illness except appendicitis, there has been no independent confirmation on any other illness.

Last Tuesday, a spokesman Assad said the president's health "good and in constant improvement. The president is very close complete recovery," he added.

The spokesman said that Assad met that day with a number of officials in his administration, there was no way to confirm if the meetings took place, because these people are generally available only to the government-run media.

Again, on Thursday, a presidential spokesman said Assad had met with Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam, but comments from Khaddam on Assad's health were quoted.

The spokesman said Khaddam had briefed the Syrian president, his meetings with Saudi Arab Foreign Minister Prince Saud Faisal on efforts to end the Syrian-backed rebels' siege of Arafat loyalists in Tripoli.

'Rehov Rashi' local papers close under financial crisis

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Eitan Communications announced on Friday that it is ceasing publication of its 14 weekly regional newspapers, *Rehov Rashi* (Main Street) and dismissing over 150 employees. The chain's papers first appeared last April.

The company's general manager, Shlomo Abadi, called an emergency meeting of all employees Friday morning at Eitan's Tel Aviv offices and informed them of Thursday night's decision by its board of directors to close down the papers.

Each of the over 150 employees, including journalists, graphic artists, typesetters and clerical staff, was handed dismissal letters on the spot. All those who do not have a special contract with Eitan were informed in writing that "following the halt in publication of the *Rehov Rashi* papers, your employment has been terminated as of November 25, 1983" — Friday's date. They will get their final payments on December 18, the workers were told.

Eitan Communications is owned

by three major shareholders: Dan (which is also involved in the FI International Bank), Bank Leu and Delta Galil. Thursday night decision is understood to have been due primarily to the string of retrenchment measures which the country's major banks are undertaking following last month's bag shares crisis.

There were repeated rumours last month that some of Eitan's shares were for sale and that the company was going through financial difficulties. But Abadi assured employees only three weeks ago that the company had sufficient capital to insure publication of the *Rehov Rashi* papers for at least a year, during which they could become profitable.

Abadi told Eitan's employees Friday that in present conditions the company could not keep with the 75-day credits granted to advertisers, and that Eitan shareholders had decided to close the papers. The new weekly paper for religious readers *Yom Hashi* (Friday) will probably continue, appear for the time being.

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Defence Forces personnel and that the army would be pleased to get rid of the detention camp.

The Defence Ministry announced on Friday that Miriam Groff, mother of Yosef Groff, who is still being held by Ahmed Jibril, had been told last week that a prisoner exchange concerning the six Fatah prisoners was in the offing.

The spokesman was reacting to her statement that she had not been told about the release of the six. She had not been told the exact timing and nor had anyone else, because secrecy had been imperative.

The ministry said the continuous efforts are being made to secure the return of the other prisoners held by Jibril and the Syrians, and to clarify the issue of the missing.

Eli Abutbul of Acre, one of the six returned prisoners, kept a diary of his experiences over the 15 months of his captivity. In it he describes how they witnessed the

revolt against PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

Abutbul writes that several of captors were killed in the fighting. When he asked the whereabouts one or the other of his jailors, a man's friends would say that he had been killed by a shell or a burst fire.

Abutbul and Avi Kronenfeld celebrated their release with the families and friends in Acre over the weekend. Abutbul joined his brothers and father at synagogue yesterday, and in the evening, went to a party with friends. His family said that it had been like "one long party" from the moment Eli arrived home.

Kronenfeld was also at a party last night. His father Yonatan said that 15 months of agony when his family waited and prayed for Avi's release is now a thing of the past. "We are all wonderfully happy," he said.

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stance — all in the form of outright grants.

In the foreign aid bill just passed by Congress, Israel received \$850 million in military grants and another \$850m. in loans. U.S. officials believe that Arens' request is unrealistic.

On this issue, most Israeli experts and American Jewish lobbyists here agree. They have noted that the administration is probably prepared to increase grant assistance to \$1,275b. Arens is described by Israeli officials as confident that he can convince the Americans to provide Israel with the full \$1.7b. figure.

There are other economic and military areas in which Israel is seeking additional U.S. support during the talks this week.

For one thing, Israel wants the U.S. to revive the 1979 U.S.-Israeli Memorandum of Agreement designed to promote Israeli military sales to the Pentagon and the three related military agreements of 1981. Those three agreements called on the U.S. to permit:

- Israel to spend some of the annual foreign military sales (FMS) assistance in Israel, rather than only for purchase of arms in the U.S.
- Third countries receiving U.S. FMS assistance to spend some of

those funds for weapons purchase in Israel.

• The Pentagon to buy additional Israeli-made military equipment.

Israeli officials said progress in these military-economic areas could be very significant in easing the economy crisis in Israel.

U.S. officials yesterday said they are sympathetic to Israel's requests but they noted that Washington has a *quid pro quo* in mind. Specifically the Americans want greater Israeli flexibility in any future negotiations about the West Bank and Gaza. They also want Israel to coordinate its strategy in Lebanon more closely with that of Washington.

In addition, Washington wants Israel to become more sensitive to U.S. interests in the Arab world.

Thus, American officials expressed hope that Israel would become more understanding of the need for U.S. military cooperation with moderate, pro-western Arab states such as Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Egypt. That means, an American official said, an Israeli willingness to go along with new U.S. arms sales to those countries.

"Both countries are going to have to make some tough decisions this week," he said. "It won't be easy for either one."

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TOMORROW — Haga (Civil Defence) Exercise in Beersheba

Tomorrow, Monday, November 28, there will be a Haga exercise in Beersheba between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. During the exercise, the sound of firing and explosions will be heard, and the sirens will sound the all clear. In the event of a real attack, the sirens will sound a rising and falling note.

ATS — Former members of the ATS, the women's auxiliary corps of the British Army, who enlisted here during World War II, are to hold a 40th anniversary reunion at 5 p.m. today at the Tel Aviv Museum's Recanati Hall.

HOME NEWS

Underpopulation threatens Hevel Shalom

By LORA MOREL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA — Severe underpopulation is threatening the Hevel Shalom group of settlements in the Negev, members of the Knesset State Control Committee heard last Thursday.

The Knesset group visited the area and met with settlers representing the group. They told them that the area was underpopulated and that because of the freeze in public housing, no new houses are to be built there in the foreseeable future.

Another problem, said the settlers, is that the farmers' income does not even cover expenses.

The committee group, headed by MK Avraham Katz-Oz, also heard harsh reports about many government promises, which were made — some in writing — and not kept.

"The situation is close to catastrophic," said the representative of Moshav Yevul. "We have a feeling that everyone has forgotten us here. Although no one has left yet, many are seriously considering such a move. There is a decided

lack of motivation, when you know that what you grow will almost certainly be destroyed or will be left to rot in the fields because of the glut in the market."

The Hevel Shalom area, which was settled mostly by people who had lived in the Yamit area prior to the pullback from the Sinai, is severely underpopulated, the visitors were told.

Moshav Pri-Gen, for example, was scheduled to be established in the Sinai but was finally constructed in Hevel Shalom. The first 30 families were promised that 30 more families would soon join them, but although some foundations were laid, no new houses have been built and several of the 30 original families now want to leave.

"The Interior Ministry has fulfilled all its commitments, but the Ministries of Housing and Agriculture have not," said Eliezer Ben-Tzvi, head of the Eshkol Regional Council. "There is a process of postponement. With only 30 families on each moshav, it is very difficult to live. Expenses are



An umbrella repairman at the Jaffa Flea Market on Friday waits for rain. (M. Dekel)

Liberal rebels deny plans to join Weizman

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV — Liberal Party dissidents denied yesterday that they intend to team up with former defence minister Ezer Weizman and cross Knesset lines in order to form an alternative Alignment-led coalition.

Rumours to this effect, circulated by Labour Party sources, were reported in *The Jerusalem Post* last week. On Friday it emerged that on November 12, Weizman had met in his home with Alignment Knesset faction chief Moshe Shalom and Labour MK Rafi Edri. Weizman and Edri were influential last year in inducing Likud MKs Yitzhak Peretz and Amnon Linn to defect to Labour.

The object of the meeting was to recruit Weizman to woo Liberal MKs out of the Likud through the formation of a new centralist list. These MKs, according to the Labour plan, would then team up with Labour in an alternative coalition and Weizman would be awarded a top cabinet post.

Weizman himself refused to comment, but Labour sources describe him as very amenable to the idea. These sources said the Liberal partners could come from the five-member faction headed by Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i and from the "gang of four" MKs — Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor, Yitzhak Berman, Dror Zeigerman and Dan Tichon. These nine MKs, according to Labour, are Likud malcontents and are likely to regroup under a new Weizman flag.

The "gang of four", which already constitutes a separate faction within the Likud in all but name, is seen as likely to run outside the Likud framework in the next Knesset elections. But Savidor told *The Post* yesterday that "reports that we would cross lines and enable the Alignment to form an alternative coalition are preposterous and unfounded."

Savidor added that he had not met with Weizman or talked with him since the attempt last October to appoint Weizman finance minister.

Berman backed Savidor, saying: "Weizman did not even talk with

Eli Landau takes over Herzliya Municipality

HERZLIYA (Jtm). — The new mayor of this coastal town, Eli Landau, arrived at his office Friday afternoon, following the publication of this election in *Reshumot*, the official gazette.

Landau, the Likud candidate, was elected by the town's chief rabbis and a delegation from the National Religious Party. He said he hopes to make Herzliya "the capital of the Sharon."

Workers being laid off at HU, plants in Jerusalem

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem's job market continued to deteriorate last week, the city's labour council reported on Friday. It said 105 workers were laid off by three industrial plants, and scores of non-tenured employees at the Hebrew University — from both academic and administrative staffs — were told that their employment had been terminated.

According to the head of one of the university's works committees, the institution, even before dismissing the non-tenured employees, had informed more than 100 workers the previous week that they would lose their jobs. "For some reason," he said, "not much publicity has been given to the situation of Hebrew University's staff, both academic and others."

On Wednesday, hundreds of workers committee members in Jerusalem will meet in emergency session at the labour council headquarters, to plan steps to halt more

Sappers detonate two bombs near army hitchhiking post

BEERSHEBA (Jtm). — Two explosive devices, discovered at the hitchhiking post at Shiva in the western Negev at 5 a.m. on Friday, were detonated without damage by a police sapper.

The two 1.25 kg. bombs were timed to explode at 10 a.m., a peak hour for soldiers travelling home for the Sabbath.

A soldier found the bombs — two oil cans wrapped in plastic bags — wired to explode. A police sapper was summoned from Dimona and he detonated the two devices. Security forces conducted a wide-scale search and found tracks leading to the Beersheba-Shiva road.

It is not clear whether the saboteurs came from Sinai, the border of which is 20 kilometres from the site. At a recent meeting of the Israeli-Egyptian military committee in Rome, the Egyptian delegation promised to do all it could to prevent sabotage from Sinai.

American, Hungarian to get Wolf prize in mathematics

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HERZLIYA. — The \$100,000 Wolf Foundation Prize in Mathematics for 1983-84 will be shared by an American, Prof. Shing Chern of the University of California, Berkeley, and a Hungarian, Prof. Paul Erdos of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in Budapest, the foundation has announced.

The Wolf prizes are awarded in mathematics — the first to be announced — as well as physics, agriculture, chemistry, arts and medicine.

President Chaim Herzog is to award the prizes at a ceremony in May 1984, at the Knesset.

The \$12 million prize fund was established in 1975 by the late



Erdos Chern

Bombing suspect held

The security forces have arrested a suspect after a petrol bomb was thrown at about midnight on Thursday at a Binayamin Regional Council near the Omry refugee camp near Ramallah.

There were no injuries and no damage was caused. A curfew was imposed on the camp for several hours and was lifted at dawn. (Jtm)

Survey finds capital's petrol stations 'filthy'

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Sanitary conditions at most of Jerusalem's petrol stations endanger public health, states a Tourism Ministry report following the inspection of 25 petrol stations in both the east and west sides of the city.

Eight of the stations inspected were found "reasonably" clean. All the rest had filthy toilets, broken toilet seats, no toilet paper and no soap. The toilets in some stations were locked and others had doors which did not close. Most stations' premises were filthy with garbage piles near or surrounding them.

Most of the stations operate snack bars or restaurants, the report noted, and the washrooms serve the motorists as well as other customers.

The findings were so severe that the Tourism Ministry called in Health Ministry inspectors to join the survey.

The stations inspected belong to Delek, Paz and Sonol.

The cleanest and most orderly station was the Sonol station in Sheikh Jarrah. Dirtiest was the Paz station opposite the Rockefeller

Jews, Moslems to discuss 'family' in Beersheba

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — A Jewish-Muslim conference on the family as a means of imparting values is scheduled to begin here this evening at the Conservatory of Music.

The sums provided by the council for matching grants, in nominal terms, are IS237m. for 1980/81, IS464m. for 1981/82, and IS600m. for 1982/83.

The current set of matching grant criteria was adopted for a trial period that expires this year. Given the Treasury's policy of pressing for large cuts in university budgets, it may not be willing to extend the incentives at the same level.

Noting that the incentives spurred the universities to press their friends organizations to transfer \$50m. in two years, Ya'acobi said that this type of contribution to the country's balance of payments should be encouraged.

Hebrew University director-general Yisrael Bargil said that \$22m. has been transferred by the American Friends over the last two years. He said that it has taken quite some time to persuade the American trustees that transferring the money would improve the overall financial situation of the universities and be good for the country.

"As trustees of other people's money," he explained, "they were worried about the economic situation here and what would happen to the money in Israeli banks. They were also rightly concerned about IRS regulations governing tax deductible contributions to universities. But they put their teams of lawyers and accountants to work and came up with an acceptable legal formula."

Similar legal arrangements for transfer have been adopted by Weizmann and the Technion, and have been used already for some years by TAU.

While there has been some reluctance in university friends organizations outside the U.S. to transfer endowment funds, the problem has focused on the IRS regulations and because the U.S. is by far the largest source of donations to the universities.

Lebanese Druse plead for autonomous region

NAZARETH. — Druse spiritual leader Sheikh Amin Tarif has cabled Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis urging them to help the Lebanese Druse set up an autonomous region in the Shouf Mountains.

In his cable to the premier, Tarif asked Shamir to discuss the matter with President Ronald Reagan during his talks in Washington.

A source close to the Druse sheikh said that the appeal had been coordinated with the Druse community in Lebanon over the weekend. The source said that if the Lebanese Druse achieve autonomy, they would maintain close and friendly relations with Israel.

Petrol pump workers accused of cheating

NAZARETH. — Two employees at a petrol station in the village of Mifilya in Western Galilee were arrested on Friday on suspicion of cheating customers. It is alleged that they rigged petrol pumps to enable them to supply less fuel than the amount registered.

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According to Hebrew University vice-president Bernard Cherrick, the expenses of the American Friends of the Hebrew University are about 15 per cent of the collections. Weizmann Institute president Prof. Michael Sela said that the expenses of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute are about 10 per cent. The Tel Aviv University friends also skim off 10 per cent. The Technion spokesman said that they "do not know" what

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the expenses of the American Technion Society are.

A 10 per cent rate is considered relatively low for American fund-raising organizations.

According to figures from the Council for Higher Education, published here for the first time, all seven universities hold \$250m. in endowment funds in Israel. The Hebrew University has roughly 40

per cent of this sum, the Technion 20 per cent, the Weizmann Institute and Tel Aviv University 15 per cent each, and a total of 10 per cent is held by Haifa University, Bar-Ilan University and Ben-Gurion University.

The figures provided by the council do not always match university figures due to different accounting procedures and different dates of completion.

Tel Aviv University built up a \$50m. endowment over the last eight years, according to former president Prof. Haim Ben-Shahar. He said that apart from some "misunderstandings" with the TAU friends organization in the U.S. during its first years in the mid-1970s, the endowment funds have been transferred entirely to Israel.

He said that the veteran universities had more trouble than the newer ones in persuading their friends organizations to transfer the funds, because the fund-raisers for the veterans are more powerful and carry more prestige.

The three veterans have stepped up their efforts to transfer the funds during the last two years because of the incentives offered by the government through the Council for Higher Education. Council director Gedalya Ya'acobi said that for the last three years the universities have been eligible for matching grants amounting to 7 per cent of the value of the endowment funds. This system replaced the haphazard criteria employed up to the early 1970s.

The council rules stipulate, though, that the yields from the funds must be for research, chairs or fellowships, and not for buildings, the funding of which is handled separately. The funds must also be deposited in Israel under conditions that give the universities *de facto* control over the disposition of the interest.

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Sunday, November 27
4:00 p.m. — Registration
8:00 p.m. — Reception
Guest of Honor: Mrs. Recha Freier.
Greetings: Mr. Meir Gottmann, Director-General of Youth Aliyah

Monday, November 28
8:00 a.m. — Departure from Jerusalem for guided tours of the Arava and Pithat Shalom.

8:00 p.m. — Opening Ceremony.
Presentation of flag
Youth Aliyah Choir, Kibbutz Artzi.
Chairperson: Mrs. Frieda S. Lewis, National President of Hadassah.
Narrator: Mrs. Aviva Marks.
Greetings: H.E. Chaim Herzog, President of the State of Israel. Mr. Arye L. Dulzin, Chairman of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency for Israel. Mr. Zevulun Hammer, Minister of Education and Culture. Mr. Uri Gordon, Head of Youth Aliyah.
Mandolin Orchestra, Ulpian Tzafira.
Audio-visual story of Youth Aliyah.

Tuesday, November 29
8:00 a.m. — Departure from Jerusalem for a visit to Youth Aliyah institutions in the center and south of Israel.
8:30 p.m. — Reception hosted by the Municipality of Jerusalem at the Israel Museum, followed by a tour of the Museum.
Greetings: Mrs. Mashe Lubelsky, Secretary of Na'am.

Wednesday, November 30
7:45 a.m. — Departure from Jerusalem for tree planting ceremony at Hoshaya.
Addresses: Mr. Moshe Rivlin, Chairman, Keren Kayemeth L'Israel. Mr. Yosef Shapira, former Head of Youth Aliyah.
1:30 p.m. — Visit to Youth Aliyah institutions in the north.

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6:00 p.m. — Hadassah Neurim — Dedication of the auditorium in memory of the late Ailix de Rothschild, Patroness of Youth Aliyah.
6:30 p.m. — Lighting ceremony of the first candle of Hanukka.
Greetings: Rav Aluf Moshe Levy, Chief of Staff of the Israel Defence Forces.

Thursday, December 1
9:30 a.m. — Departure from Jerusalem for a visit to an IDF base.
Reception at the Knesset.
Hostess: Mrs. Hella Kleeman, Chairperson, Children and Youth Aliyah Committee, Great Britain and Ireland.
Addresses: Mr. Menachem Savidor, Speaker of the Knesset. Mr. Moshe Kol, former Head of Youth Aliyah.

Friday, December 2
8:00 a.m. — Departure to attend meetings and workshops at Hadassah Hospital on Mt. Scopus.
Welcome by Mrs. Sylvia Doppelt, Chairperson, Youth Aliyah, Hadassah, Women's Zionist Organization of America.
Address: Mr. Abba Eban, M.K.

Saturday, December 3
Walking tours of Jerusalem conducted by the Israel Nature Preservation Society.
8:30 p.m. — Closing Ceremony
Chairperson: Dr. Lore Hartmann Von Monakow, Chairperson, Youth Aliyah, Switzerland.
Greetings: Dr. Yosef Burg, Minister of the Interior and Religious Affairs. Mr. Haim Bar Lev, Secretary General of the Israel Labor Party. Mr. Akiva Lewinsky, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization.
Mrs. Ruth Izakson, Chairperson, World WIZO Executive.
Closing Remarks: Mr. Uri Gordon, Head of Youth Aliyah.

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U.S. envoy in Salvador blasts rightist hit-men

SAN SALVADOR (AP). — U.S. Ambassador to El Salvador Thomas Pickering on Friday strongly attacked the country's rightist terrorists, whom he called "fascists who serve the communist cause" and threaten to destroy Salvadoran democracy.

The verbal attack came as leftist guerrillas rejected a right-wing death squad's demand that all army prisoners of war be released in exchange for the lives of three captured rebel commanders.

U.S. officials released a copy of the ambassador's speech before he addressed the American Chamber of Commerce in San Salvador. Pickering called for an investigation of the right-wing death squads, saying, "My deep concern is that no one is trying to develop evidence which would stand up in court."

The ambassador criticized the Salvadoran press and the private sector for not openly condemning executions carried out by the squads. He called death squad members "murderers, torturers and kidnapers," and said, "As such,

they deserve nothing less from society than open and honest punishment for such crimes."

The rebel rejection, broadcast on the clandestine Radio Venceremos, was in response to a right-wing death squad's announcement last Wednesday that it had captured three rebel commanders and would "execute" them unless the guerrilla high command frees all army prisoners of war.

"We do not accept blackmail of any kind, and the government will be the only one responsible for the fate of the kidnapped people," the broadcast said.

The rightists' communique offered to free the commanders if the rebels freed the prisoners by December 2. The Liberation Front has captured more than 500 army soldiers in the past three months.

In Washington, the State Department said on Friday that about 1,000 Cuban teachers are leaving Nicaragua but added that it has no information to suggest any permanent reduction in Cuba's military or civilian presence in that country.

Department deputy spokesman Alan Romberg said the teachers are departing Nicaragua for their annual end-of-year break.

Some reports have linked the exodus to Cuban fears that the U.S. may launch a Grenada-style invasion of Nicaragua. According to other accounts, Nicaragua asked the Cubans to leave as part of an attempt to improve relations with its conservative neighbors.

Meanwhile, *The Washington Post* reported in Friday's editions that the Central Intelligence Agency has concluded that there are no circumstances under which American-backed rebels can achieve victory over the Sandinista government. An unidentified official said the main purpose of CIA funding of the rebels is to induce the Sandinistas to end their support for Salvadoran insurgents, not to overthrow the government.

In Bogota, Colombia, a guerrilla group claimed responsibility on Friday for the kidnapping of President Belisario Betancur's brother. In communiques sent to news media, the National Liberation Army demanded among other things a 54 per cent increase in the minimum wage.

Jaime Betancur, 53, was kidnapped last Tuesday night at Bogota's Catholic University, where he is dean of the law school.

In Brussels, leaders of the Socialist International ended two days of political talks on Friday with a condemnation of U.S. policies in Central America and a warning to President Reagan not to invade Nicaragua.

"The socialist international is very disturbed about a possible military intervention" by the U.S. in Nicaragua, the governing bureau of the worldwide socialist movement said in a lengthy resolution.

London robbers get away with 3 tons of gold

LONDON (Reuters). — An armed gang stole three tons of pure gold in a raid on a warehouse near London's Heathrow Airport yesterday, police said.

Six masked men with handguns escaped with the gold, worth \$45 million, from a security warehouse after pouring gasoline over guards and threatening to set them ablaze, Scotland Yard said.

"We do not know yet how they got the gold away," said a spokesman. "They must have used at least a couple of vehicles."

It was Britain's most sensational theft since the Great Train Robbery of 1963, when the night mail train from Glasgow was ambushed and £2.6m. (then worth over \$7m.) was stolen.

Rumania calls for resuming Geneva talks

VIENNA (Reuters). — Rumania's latest proposals on nuclear weapons, directed both at Moscow and Washington, disguise the limits of its freedom to maneuver within the Soviet bloc, western analysts said yesterday.

Just 48 hours after Soviet delegates had broken off talks in Geneva with the U.S. on limiting medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe, the Rumanians urged the Kremlin to return to the negotiating table.

They also implicitly criticised Andropov personally by saying Moscow should halt preparations for the stationing of new nuclear missiles in East Germany and Czechoslovakia in retaliation for NATO deployment from next

Chinese premier's U.S. trip may founder over Taiwan

TOKYO (Reuters). — China may reconsider a planned visit to Washington by Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang, because of U.S. congressional support for Taiwan, the head of the Chinese Communist Party said here yesterday.

At a press conference on the fourth day of his visit to Tokyo, party General Secretary Hu Yaobang said it remains to be seen whether a projected exchange of visits by Zhao and President Ronald Reagan next year could be successful or not.

Hu said that since the Zhao visit was arranged, "one or two unpleasant things have happened."

One of them, Hu said, was the approval last week by the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee of a resolution saying that Taiwan's future should be settled in a manner

acceptable to the Taiwanese people.

Hu said a protest had been sent to Washington and a reply had been promised. "If the reply on this problem is not good, we cannot help but consider whether to go ahead with the visit as scheduled," he told reporters.

Hu repeated his assurance, made several times since his arrival here last Wednesday, that China is set for a long period of political and economic stability.

He said that during his talks here Japanese leaders seemed worried about the prospects of economic stability in China.

Hu admitted there are problems, but said: "This year's economic performance was slightly better than we expected, and I can predict that next year's will be better."

Walesa may go to Oslo, says premier

JAKARTA. — Lech Walesa, leader of Poland's outlawed Solidarity trade union, may collect his 1983 Nobel Peace Prize personally if he wishes, Polish Foreign Minister Stefan Olszowski said here yesterday.

Asked how the Polish government felt about the award Olszowski, who is on an official visit to Indonesia, said: "We have taken note of it. The press published it and probably someone from the Walesa family will go and pick up the prize." If Lech Walesa would wish to go himself to fetch the award, of course he can do it.

Walesa decided earlier this month not to go to the prize-giving ceremony in Oslo on December 10 because he fears he may not be readmitted to Poland.

In Warsaw, visiting Soviet KGB head Victor Chebrikov met on Friday with Polish leader Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski and other senior officials, the official Polish news agency PAP reported.

The 200-word dispatch gave neither the reason nor the length of Chebrikov's visit, the first to Poland by a chairman of the Committee for State Security ever reported (Reuters, AP).

'Korean pilots got extra to fly Soviet short cut'

SAN FRANCISCO (AP). — Atorney Melvin Belli said on Friday that Korean Air Lines pilots were paid an "under-the-table" bonus to take a shortcut through Soviet airspace to save fuel.

Belli represents about 50 survivors of people killed September 1 when the Soviet Union shot down a Korean Air Lines jet that had strayed over its territory. All 261 people aboard the jet were killed.

"The wives of the pilots told me that (their husbands) were very concerned and scared to death of flying the shortcut," Belli said in a telephone interview.

In Seoul, Korean Air Lines said yesterday that Belli's statement was "totally groundless...it is morally unthinkable that any airline should stake human lives and prestige just for saving fuel in such a ridiculous way."

Chinese courier defects in U.S.

CHICAGO. — A Chinese diplomatic courier remained in an undisclosed location yesterday after defecting aboard a Pan American jumbo jet.

The courier, identified by airport security officials as Gogiang Yang, was carrying documents from San Francisco to his country's UN delegation in New York when he made his plea on Friday for political asylum, authorities said.

The 88 passengers witnessed a 90-minute standoff and "vehement" quarrel between the defector and a Chinese companion, apparently over which of them would keep the pouches containing official documents.

Yang was removed from the aircraft, but the pouches remained on board with the other courier and after a two-hour delay the flight continued to New York.

In Tokyo, the head of China's Communist Party, Hu Yaobang, joked about the reported defection of the Chinese diplomat in Chicago and said the U.S. is welcome to a few million more Chinese if it wanted them.

The question came up at a press conference where Hu was discussing his past four days of talks in Tokyo. (AP, Reuters)

UK printers unions face crippling fines in strike

LONDON (Reuters). — The owners of Britain's national newspapers, paralyzed by a printers' revolt against new labour laws, decided yesterday to bring lawsuits that could cripple the country's biggest print union.

The Newspaper Publishers Association announced after a three-hour meeting in London that each national paper would sue the National Graphical Association (NGA) for damages.

Its move dramatically deepened the crisis over the new laws, with the prospect of other unions rallying to support the NGA in a showdown with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government and the courts.

The printers walked out in fury on Friday night after a judge, invoking the new laws, ordered the seizure of the union's assets because of its failure to pay a fine and im-

posed a further fine of £100,000 (£13.6 million).

He said NGA tactics in a newspaper dispute in Warrington, northwest England, were illegal and the union's refusal to accept this ruling was contempt of court.

Britain's nine national newspapers did not appear yesterday and seven Sunday papers were not being printed last night.

The union, with assets of £10m., could face a total damages bill of up to £4m. under the terms of the new laws.

The publishers could win heavy damages if they establish that the union was responsible for the walkout.

The new laws outlaw "sympathy strikes" against companies not involved in the original dispute. But the NGA was careful not to issue any strike orders to its members and described the walkout as spontaneous.

S. African cleric gets 15 years for treason

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters). — A young white clergyman and his fiancée, convicted of high treason in a South African court, were jailed last week for 15 and four years, respectively.

Carl Niehaus and Johanna Lourens, both 23, were found guilty of having links with the banned African National Congress, which is committed to the overthrow of white rule in South Africa.

The court heard during their trial that Niehaus had plotted to blow up Johannesburg's gas works and the headquarters of the state-run

national broadcasting service, and had worked with the ANC.

The charges carried a possible death sentence, but the prosecution asked for a 15-year jail term for Niehaus and five years for Lourens.

During the trial, both the accused were stunned when a man they thought was a close friend turned out to be a security policeman, who testified against them. Robert Whitecross, who had lived with the couple, told the court that at Niehaus's request, he took photos of the gas works, and had them developed by security police.

Parents kill 9 children 'for lack of money'

SAINT BONNET, France (Reuters). — A French farmer and his wife said they murdered nine of their eleven children just after they were born, because they had no money to feed them, police said yesterday.

Jean-Marie Leymarie and his wife, Rolande, both 34, still have a boy and a girl, aged 10 and 12, but told police they killed their nine other children at birth, starting in 1976.

Leymarie told police he choked them to death with a towel before burying them near some farm buildings in this remote hamlet in central France.

Leymarie and his wife, who were arrested last Tuesday, are now awaiting trial accused of infanticide. Their remaining two children are being cared for by the local social services.

U.S. anti-nuclear activists damage B-52 bomber

ROME, New York (Reuters). — Anti-nuclear protesters scaled a fence at Griffiss Air Force base here on Friday and smashed the bomb doors of a B-52 bomber, the air force said.

air police arrested four women and three men. He said the seven also damaged six engines and an auxiliary power unit in a nearby shed and spray-painted slogans against cruise missiles on the wall of the hangar.

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Shuttle Columbia to take calls from Earth once again

WASHINGTON (AP). — Callers with international telephone dial systems will once again be able to listen in on conversations between ground control and astronauts in the space shuttle Columbia, during its flight scheduled to begin tomorrow with the largest crew ever assigned to a U.S. space flight.

Six astronauts, including a West German physicist, arrived in Cape Canaveral, Florida, on Friday from their training base in Houston, Texas, to make final preparations for the nine-day science mission.

The mission will be carrying Spacelab, a \$1 billion research facility built by the 10-nation European Space Agency. Payload specialist Ulf Merbold will be the

first European to fly on U.S. space flight.

The American Telephone and Telegraph Company said callers to Columbia should dial the international access code, then the numbers 1-307-410-6272. The calls will be billed at normal overseas rates.

The other crew members are the mission commander, navy Capt. John Young, air force Maj. Brewster Shaw, the shuttle pilot; mission specialists Owen Garriott, an electrical engineer, and Robert Parker, an astronomer; and payload specialist Byron Lichtenberg, a bio-medical engineer from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Soviet deserter: Hundreds have joined Afghan rebels

BRUSSELS (AP). — A Soviet soldier who deserted from his unit in Afghanistan last May to join the Afghan resistance said on Friday that morale among Soviet occupation forces is low and that hundreds of troops have joined rebel forces.

Nicolai Ryzhkov, 19, who said he was sent to the Afghan front in December of 1982, told reporters he served for six months in the country as a private-first-class before leaving.

"I did not agree with the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, nor the domestic policies in my country," Ryzhkov said through an interpreter. He said he planned to settle in the U.S., "where the people are free and the country beautiful."

Ryzhkov estimated that "There are a few hundred deserters in Afghanistan," and said some want to stay with the Afghan rebels.

"They warmly welcomed me," Ryzhkov said of Afghan resistance members. "I was kept in a special camp with other Russians. We were very well treated. We had all sorts of food and were given money by the Afghans, even more than they receive themselves."

Ryzhkov and another deserter came to Europe through a private organization called Resistance International, which assists anti-communist rebels around the world.

Snow, rain and wind kill 27 in east U.S.

NEW YORK (AP). — The death toll rose to 27 on Friday as a result of a week of snowy weather that spread from the central to the northeastern U.S. Fifteen were victims of road accidents, 10 died in plane crashes and two elderly men died while shovelling snow.

In Washington D.C., roads and bridges were slippery, as up to 10 centimetres of snow fell across northern Virginia, Maryland and eastern Pennsylvania into the Catskill Mountains of New York. Much of the East Coast was buffeted with 80-kph winds and heavy rains.

PANDAS. — China's first panda farm, a 30-dunam facility that will conduct research on ways to protect the rare animals, opened last week in Sichuan province with five pandas in residence, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.



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Youth Aliya, 50-years young

Youth Aliya celebrates its half century tomorrow with an international conference in Jerusalem. Judy Siegel-Itzkovich talks to its new head, Uri Gordon.



This group of young Falashas from Ethiopia are celebrating Independence Day at the Youth Aliya school Mossad Talpiot, near Jerusalem.

WHEN A COUPLE'S son or daughter turns 10, they deposit \$100 — matched by an equal sum from the local Jewish federation — into a special closed bank account, and continue to do so every year until the child is in the middle of high school. At that point, enough money has been saved so that the teenager can use it to fly to Israel for a year of study.

This scheme seems sensible enough — not only for the opportunities it presents for Diaspora youngsters, but also for their parents. But as of now, such a programme does not exist on a wide scale in any Diaspora Jewish community.

The new chairman of Youth Aliya, Uri Gordon, asserts that the savings scheme for study in Israel could be established in every Jewish community abroad, and will really bring every teenager to Israel for at least a year.

Although Jewish parents abroad complain about the high cost of Jewish schooling or its unavailability in their area, many are reluctant to part with their children and send them to faraway and

"dangerous" Israel for a whole year. A few schools — including yeshivot and one Jewish high school in Peru — have sent whole classes, along with their teachers, to Israel for a year of study. But they are an exception, and the number of Jewish teenagers studying here remains minimal.

Gordon, the 48-year-old founder of TELEM (the Movement for Zionist Fulfillment) that has over 1,000 young members, all committed to coming on aliya in a few years, plans to start the savings scheme in a selected Jewish community abroad and use it as a model for other cities. Of course, Gordon wants the pupils to study in one of the 30 Youth Aliya dormitory schools, or in one of the other 120 schools affiliated with Youth Aliya around the country.

When aliya decreased about a decade ago, Youth Aliya changed directions from dealing with immigrant youths arriving with or without their parents, to devoting much of its efforts to helping Israeli-born children of immigrants of the Fifties, who were unable to educate

their children properly from home. Gordon, whose Youth Aliya department is now completing its 50th anniversary celebrations with an international conference in Jerusalem this week, believes that it was a good decision to change directions as circumstances changed. But he views the education of Diaspora children as a vital task of Youth Aliya in the years ahead — as vital in saving youngsters from "spiritual annihilation" as was the saving of European youth from physical annihilation when Youth Aliya was initiated by Recha Freier.

What with the "territoriality" in the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization (WZO), chairmen of the various departments protect their own fields, and often oppose changes and proposals that touch on their spheres of influence. Gordon is aware of the fact that the savings scheme idea could upset his colleagues, but he is ready to fight for it.

Another controversial proposal is "rechanneling". Project Renewal — the nationwide effort to

rehabilitate urban slum areas — to assist Youth Aliya. As the physical rehabilitation project winds down over the coming years, suggests Gordon, Diaspora Jewish communities that helped fund projects in matching towns and cities should be encouraged to "adopt" Youth Aliya institutions both financially and by providing moral support.

"Project Renewal has succeeded in many areas," says Gordon, "but the time has come to move it in a different direction. There will be opposition, I know, and fights and screaming. But I'm not afraid of battles. Whoever opposes my ideas is for the status quo; if my ideas are no good, let others make better proposals."

Gordon, a Labour Party activist and former member of Kibbutz Mishmar David, was chairman of the Young Leadership Division of the World Zionist Organization for six years.

It's no secret that Gordon, after spending several years in Los Angeles establishing TELEM, was eager to become chairman of the WZO aliya department, rather than

to head Youth Aliya. But he says today that he is "not disappointed," and that he was pleased to take over a "wonderful" operation from his predecessor, Yosef Shapira. The 600 staffers are highly motivated people, says Gordon, who has visited many Youth Aliya institutions around the country since he took office several months ago.

The chairman says he wants to introduce in all schools under his auspices a programme of "ethics in education." He plans to appoint one teacher at each school to be in charge of promoting Jewish and Zionist values. The appointee — a volunteer — will then proceed to direct all the other teachers in the school on this matter. Gordon, who wants to leave an impact on Youth Aliya during the next four years, also hopes to cultivate leadership among 1,000 Youth Aliya pupils (out of the 18,000 total). They will be trained with special emphasis on Zionism, the Jewish People, and the quality of life in Israel.

Since Youth Aliya was founded, over 220,000 Israelis have been educated at its schools, says Gordon. One out of every 10 Jewish

Israelis attended Youth Aliya institutions as a youth, he adds.

Although he is aware of the expense, Gordon would like to introduce computer studies in all Youth Aliya institutions. At present, only a few are equipped with them. Gordon maintains that studies in Youth Aliya schools are nevertheless on a very high pedagogical level.

Only a few years ago, there was a strong link between Youth Aliya and the kibbutz movements — whether Artzi, the United Kibbutz Movement or the religious kibbutzim. But in the recent past, that connection has become very flimsy, reflecting the estrangement between disadvantaged Israelis in development towns and members of nearby wealthy kibbutzim.

Gordon advocates a renewal of ties with kibbutzim "not for party reasons" (the Labour Party could use increased support among youngsters of Oriental origin and their parents), but "for social reasons." The protective and supportive environment of the kibbutz, he continues, is ideal for helping disadvantaged youth: "A kibbutz

family 'adopts' the youngster, and the dining room is a socializing influence. Kibbutz experience will make more healthy and successful young people."

The 50th anniversary conference, to be held at the Laromne Hotel starting tomorrow, will bring over 200 supporters to Israel, including members of the Youth Aliya societies abroad and of women's organizations — especially members of Hadassah. Gordon praises the efforts of "Friends" societies in England (headed by Ella Kleiman), France and Italy, and would like more to be established. He also believes that Youth Aliya must make itself more known to the Jewish world: "How many abroad know, for example, that we are educating 400 Jews from Ethiopia in our institutions?"

Perhaps the final events of the present anniversary celebrations, will be two alumni conferences — one in Jerusalem and one in Tel Aviv — scheduled for January. There, graduates will be able to see what their old friends made of themselves and to reminisce about the "good old days."

LL Israelis agree that nobody takes a good TV programme like a British. But, Peter Watkins' *The War Game* is a film you are never likely to see on Israel TV.

This 50-minute long "dramatized documentary" is about a nuclear attack on Britain, and the aftermath, a small town in Kent. Produced in 1965, the BBC, which commissioned the film, refused to show it on the grounds that it was too realistic and might disturb audiences.

The film won an Academy Award soon being released theatrically. Now, almost 20 years later, writer and director Nicholas Meyers has awakened a similar public storm with the screening on U.S. television of *The Day After*. This time the film is a city in Kansas, and the movie apparently turned watchers into a state of hysteria.

Without doubt, *The Day After* will not be snatched up by Israel TV, and those eager for a state of apocalypse will either have to wait for the Jordanians to buy it, or for a relative to videotape it. The great Israeli taboo, I've

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learned, has nothing to do with sex, money, or politics. Indeed, as a holy cow, even the IDF has gone out to pasture. The one subject nobody wants to talk about is the prospect of nuclear war.

Nuclear war presents the greatest threat to the human species. And although the superpowers have pretty much stolen the show, Israel still presents a nifty target for its enemies.

So I called the Defence Ministry spokeswoman and asked, "Does Israel have any civil defence plans in the event of a nuclear war?" The lady claimed she didn't know what I was talking about. "Why don't you call *Haga* (Civil Defence)?" she suggested.

One doesn't just pick up the phone and call up the commander of *Haga*. First, one must consult with the IDF spokesman for permission. The spokesman did not mince words: "The IDF has no interest in the discussion contained in your proposal," he said.

I placed a call to the Ministry of Housing. Who else would be better equipped to deal with the question of bomb shelters and civil defence? The Ministry spokeswoman told an interesting tale. A recent massive order for atomic, chemical and biological warfare defence equipment, intended to supplement the country-wide bomb shelter infrastructure, had been cancelled by

Beating the bomb

Israel's authorities have a head-in-the-sand attitude towards civil defence in a nuclear age, charges Sheldon Teitelbaum.

Haga for budgetary reasons. I tracked down Yoash Levine, a consultant who had been involved in this decision. Levine said that, in December 1982, a government memorandum had been issued calling for the downgrading of bomb shelter quality and construction costs in Israel by 20 per cent.

If none of this has been particularly convincing, then consider this: according to American expert Roberta Wohlstetter, a one-kiloton nuclear device detonated in the basement of the Shalom Tower in Tel Aviv would, she estimates, kill 9,000 people. A tragedy of the first order, no doubt, but what about those of us spared by the initial effects? Knowing what to do and how to behave ahead of time would surely save countless lives, and prevent widespread panic.

Despite Israel's size, it would take, says Prof. Shai Feldman of Tel Aviv University, approximately 600 weapons in the 40 kiloton range to wipe us out entirely. Nobody in the



region commands, or is likely to command, that kind of firepower.

"Twenty-five years after Israel decided to enter the atomic age," says Israeli political scientist Daniel Amit, "the public discussions about issues connected with the bombing of the Iraqi reactor — where they exist — are being carried out in an astoundingly naive way. The Israeli public, including many of its intellectuals, is not capable of discussing the various aspects of the problem on the required level."

"These are not purely academic issues," says political scientist Yoram Perry. "They are first and foremost political issues that require public debate. But such debate is virtually non-existent. The little information that reaches the public is distorted and garbled. At best, it is presented as baseless rhetoric; at worst, it demonstrates a glaring lack of knowledge by the country's leaders!"

Those who have followed the civil defence debate in the U.S. know

that a consensus has not been reached. One of the most vocal opponents of civil defence, Dr. Sidney Drell, a world famous nuclear physicist, claims that "CD should not be viewed as substantially increasing the likelihood of survival or of recovery in a major nuclear war." And he's probably right, if we're talking about an all-out exchange.

But, says American survivalist Dean Ing, even minimal CD education and preparation could save countless lives in the event of a limited atomic attack. "The Swiss were neutral in both world wars," he says, "and show every sign of maintaining that tradition. Little, or no bothersome CD preparations there, right? Totally wrong! No country in the western world has more or better personal shelters,

per capita."

Ephraim Howard, a former nuclear physicist who studied under Edward Teller, and now a resident of Kibbutz Hazorea, says: "In the event of a low level atomic attack against Israel, civil defence would probably save lives. Even existing bomb shelters would help, if the public had received about an hour's prior warning."

"Fall-out, incidentally, would not pose an insurmountable problem. Israeli winds tend to be westerly. The big losers would be Amman and Damascus, not Beersheba and Ashkelon. A few feet of dirt packed against a door or window would reduce radiation to survivable levels."

Today is edited by Joanna Yehiel



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TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET REVIEW

Index rises 2.9% over the week

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A distinct aura of optimism enveloped the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange last week. A share rally early in the week spilled over from session to session and by the end of last week's activities the General Share Index, excluding commercial banks, was ahead 2.9 per cent.

Turnover in non-banking shares, however, averaged just over \$100 million a session — a sign that the public is still adopting a wait-and-see position.

Those commercial bank shares covered by the agreement with the Treasury were in steady, if unspectacular, demand from such institutional investors as pension funds, mutual funds and insurance companies. The institutional investors finally obtained the necessary legal approval required for them to invest in the bank shares,

which are now a hybrid security with many of the features of dollar-linked bonds.

Viewing the bank shares as a dollar-linked security, the obvious comparison was with the yields on Putnam dollar deposits and the Bank of Israel Gilboa dollar-linked bonds. Both these investments offer yields approximately half of the 13 per cent available, at the beginning of last week, from investment in bank shares.

In the event, bank shares were ahead by as much as 7.3 per cent last week. When viewed in dollar terms and adjusted for last week's 3 per cent devaluation of the shekel, they reflected a dollar advance of 4 per cent.

There were some good gains, too, in the non-banking sectors.

The oil and oil-related group advanced 15.7 per cent.

Binyan shares continued to attract attention. Earlier in the year,

when other shares were falling, by several hundred percentage points, the Binyan shares advanced. In due course the shares began to fall and their descent was capped by a one-session drop of more than 70 per cent.

The Jerusalem Post learned from Meir Heth, chairman of the exchange's board of directors, that a request for an investigation of possible manipulative practices in the trading of the Binyan shares had been filed with the Securities Authority. At that point nearly everyone had written off any further prospect of speculative movement in these shares.

Yet the shares did not lie down. In a rather unusual trading pattern last week, the Binyan shares were established as "buyers only" for three consecutive sessions. Usually the maximum number of consecutive "buyers only" situations is two.

Today, when trading resumes, there is little doubt that the Binyan shares will soar. The exchange advised late last week that trading could not be established in these shares, even at a premium of 40 per cent over their previous price.

Index-linked bonds were in demand again with the fully-linked series advancing by margins of about 4 per cent.

Israeli shares traded on the American share exchanges enjoyed a week of generally advancing prices. The shares of the Electronic Corporation of Israel jumped by nearly \$4 to \$17.

Unconfirmed reports were circulating to the effect that the company, which specializes in telecommunications equipment, had received an order of greater value than all of its annual sales last year.

While the recent more positive tenor in the local share market may spill over into this week's activities, it would not be surprising to see some profit-taking, especially in these shares which have advanced substantially in recent sessions.

UK urged to cooperate with OPEC on production rates

KUWAIT (AP). — Saudi Arabia's Oil Minister, Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, has urged Britain to cooperate with the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) on production rates with a view to averting a "new world oil crisis," the newspaper Al-Qabas reported Thursday.

He noted that the "negative impact of the recent crisis" was still rebounding on exporting countries. A British-OPEC cooperation was "as necessary for Britain's own interest as it is for OPEC," he contended.

Yamani praised Mexico which, like Britain, is an oil exporting country outside the world cartel. "Mexico is one of the biggest exporters outside OPEC. And it pursues a good attitude toward the organization," he said. "Mexico cooperates with OPEC in the interest of the world market."

Responding to a question, Yamani dismissed as "remote" any chances of OPEC reducing its current \$29 a barrel price of the market crude.

OPEC last March set a ceiling of 17.5 million barrels a day for its aggregate production rate, with the

per barrel price reduced from \$35 to \$29.

An OPEC market monitoring committee met recently in London to prepare a market appraisal report for the next ministerial conference of the cartel, scheduled for December 7 in Geneva.

"Let's hope the coming winter will be harshly cold," the Kuwaiti Oil Minister, Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah, told reporters after the ministerial conference of the 10-nation organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC).

The OAPEC meeting, held here, discussed issues directly affecting the Arab region, including Iraq's inability to export its oil because of its war with Iran.

The OAPEC group also discussed means of talking Syria into reopening the Iraqi oil pipeline that runs through Syrian territory to Mediterranean terminals.

Meanwhile, Oman has raised its oil output by 60,000 barrels a day to cover a budget deficit of \$600 million caused by the cut in oil prices earlier this year, the official daily newspaper Oman said last week.

Oman is not an OPEC member, but prices its crude in line with world market levels.

TA professor says economy not so bad

TEL AVIV. — The country's inflation is "mainly psychological," Prof. Jerome Pollock, of Tel Aviv University, told the Rotary Club here yesterday.

Pollock, a native of Canada, immigrated 18 months ago. "The Israeli public is panicky, it reacts in extremes. In fact, the economic situation of Israel is not bad at all, even compared to that of Canada," Pollock asserted.

Referring to the country's \$21 billion foreign debt, Pollock noted that some \$14b. are owed by the government, \$8b. by banks, "whose business it is to handle money," and

\$2.5b. by corporations, which are supposed to borrow money for their operations.

"There is practically no foreign debt by private interests," Pollock noted.

The per capita national debt of the Israeli is half of that of the Canadian, Pollock calculated.

Israeli society, Pollock noted, lives on cash, and people generally owe very little for the goods they use. In Western societies, on the other hand, people pay much higher mortgages on their homes and acquire goods on instalment schemes.

Pollock said that it is a fallacy to think that inflation could be halted by creating unemployment. "The experience of western Europe has shown that reducing the purchasing power of the masses brings down production and the state loses income dangerously," he explained.

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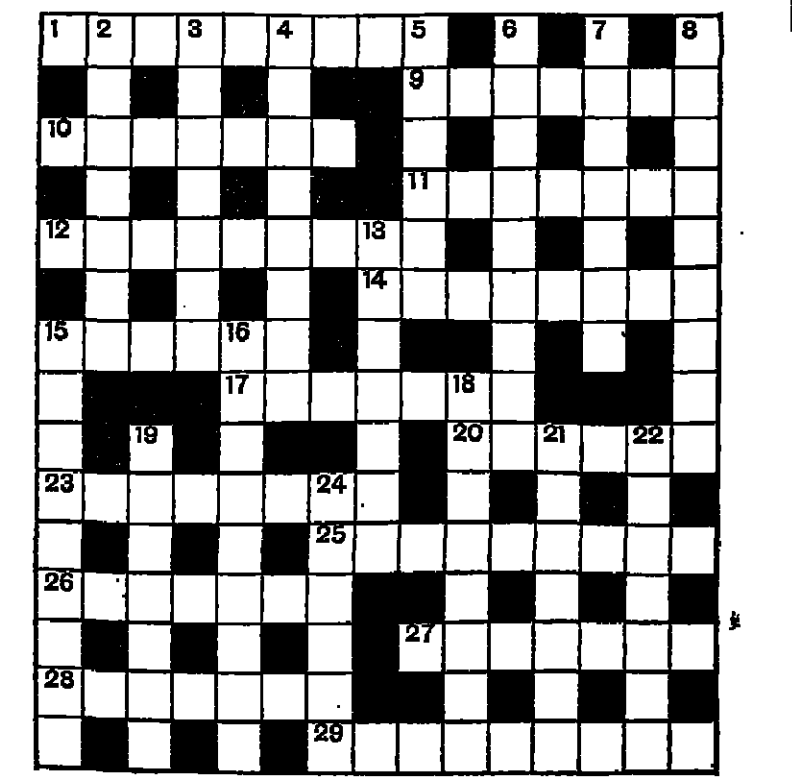
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- The French discard habit, and she cleans it up (9)
 - Disagree—then bolt (7)
 - Severe criticism which raises the roof (7)
 - Angry about the seventh note? You can say that again (7)
 - The first mother to beam for the rest of eternity (4, 5)
 - Was it fixed when unit of decimal coinage was applied to grain? (3, 5)
 - Grating question to a point (6)
 - Short plane heading for the sun can spray (7)
 - Pious man in exceptionally appropriate room (6)
 - Curious, but the head is replaced by us for taking too much interest (8)
 - What is able to fuel a car, and what holds it? (6, 3)
 - Permit always included the young bouncer (7)
 - Like one who is partly dim or on ice (7)
 - Bird which makes tiny chirps but is a loud speaker (7)
 - Where we go from here if we are itinerant actors (4, 5)
- DOWN**
- Finished—the team-hurdles event without mishap apparently (3, 4)
 - Village type who is anything but sharp (7)
 - With no tear shed for priceless accommodation (4, 4)
 - Local big-wig who once suggested a sheet (6)
 - What protesting nuclear engineers would like to do (4, 1, 4)
 - Tame way to commit burglary (5, 2)
 - Constructed ledge to hearthen a fellow campaigner, so it is claimed (9)
 - Send one (after refining) back (7)
 - Lie in order to procure posh family silver (3, 2, 4)
 - Mediterranean type, right one hears, for Western ritual (5, 4)
 - Work too hard to get rather more than an insignificant amount of money (6, 2)
 - Back up king with view to getting statutory preamble (7)
 - Betray desire to be finished with business? (4, 3)
 - Roving old Chinese leader goes back in circle (7)
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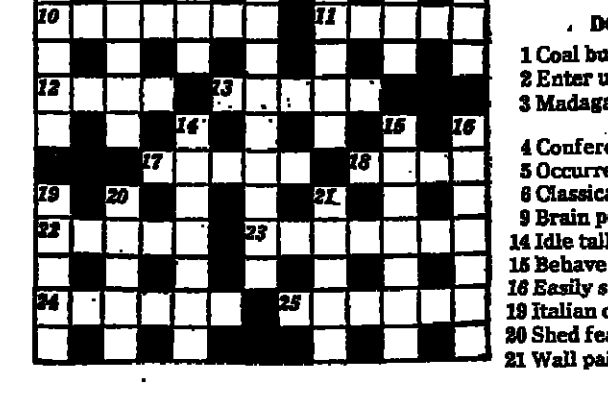
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 - Ex-school child
 - Inflict pain
 - Paint colouring
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- DOWN**
- Coal bucket
 - Enter uninvited
 - Madagascar
 - Conference
 - Occurrence
 - Classical language
 - Brain power
 - Idle talk
 - Behave
 - Easily snapped
 - Italian city
 - Shed feathers
 - Wall painting



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WALL STREET WEEK AT&T dominates most-active list

NEW YORK (AP). — The metamorphosis of a single company into a major U.S. industry took a step closer toward completion on Wall Street last week with the stock market debut of the offspring of American Telephone and Telegraph Co.

As they began trading on the New York Stock Exchange and regional exchanges last Monday morning, stocks of the eight companies scheduled to emerge from the breakup of AT and T in the new year got a generally lively welcome from investors.

Activity was especially heavy in shares of the new, smaller AT and T that will remain after the spinoff of the seven regional holding companies formed to take over local telephone service.

New AT and T opened at \$19 a share. That was on the high side of some analysts' advance estimates, and by late last Monday the price had fallen to \$18. But it began rising soon afterward, crossing \$20 late last week.

Meanwhile, the stock of the

"old" AT and T, which will continue to trade through mid-February under the divestiture plan was rising as well. From an opening of \$62.75 in the first trade of the session at the NYSE last Monday, it climbed past \$65.

The two dominated the most active list in the market all week trading several million shares a day.

Initial activity in the regional companies was less frenetic, but most of those stocks also posted price gains during the week, as investors appraised their prospective dividend yields and growth prospects.

While the new stocks "hit the ground running," in the words of *The Wall Street Journal*, the rest of the market moved ahead as well. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial gained 26.42 to 1,277.44.

The exchange's composite index added 1.09 to 96.55, and the American Stock Exchange market value index was up 3.11 to 222.5.

Volume averaged 95.23 million shares a day, up from 83.42 million the week before.

Display of building materials opens

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Housing Minister David Levy last week inaugurated a permanent exhibition of construction materials here.

The exhibition, called "The Good House," is located in the Building Centre of Israel and is intended to show the public the various materials which can improve the quality of building.

Levy said that there are reports that the building industry is going into a slump. "Just as in the past

these prophecies did not come true, I am confident that the person painting such a dark picture will be proven wrong in the future. May people have forgotten, but during the past five years we have built improved 250,000 housing apartment units."

Eli Keren, the spokesman of the Building Centre, said that the exhibition is one of many of the activities of the centre. Anyone with building problem can turn to it, centre, which is government-run and receive free advice, he added.

ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL:
8.15 Language and Communication 3.5
8.40 Nature 5.0 English 6.20 Maths
6.40 Pretty Butterfly 10.05 Arithmetic
10.30 Spoken Arabic 4.5 10.55 English
11.05 Literature 7.4 11.35 English 8.12.00
English 10.12.30 Science 9.12.13.00
English 9.13.30 History 15.00 Ezermya's
University: Life Sciences, Introduction to
Programming and Computers; Art in the
Age of Technology 16.00 Just William
16.25 Sumsum Street 17.00 A New Evening
live magazine.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:

17.30 *Eight is Enough*
18.30 *News Roundup*
18.32 *Kids' Club*
19.00 *Weekly News Magazine*
19.30 *News Roundup*
20.02 *Programme Trailer*
20.15 *Anything Goes* — live magazine introduced by Batia Barak and Dan Hamitzar
21.00 *Mabat Newsreel and Overseas Sports Review*
21.02 *Programme Trailer*
21.40 *Part 2 of a 6-part introduction preceding the re-screening of Pillar of Fire*
22.15 *The Taming of the Shrew* by William Shakespeare (part 2) starring Ben Caruso and Sherry Flett
23.30 *News*
JORDAN TV (unofficial):
17.30 *Cartoons* 18.00 *French Hour* 18.30
19.30 *News* 19.30 *News* 19.30 *News* 19.30
French 19.30 *News* 19.30 *News* 19.30
Arabic 20.30 *Yes Minister* 21.10 *The Citadel* 22.00 *News* in English 22.15
Beitveller: The Thorn Birds

ON THE AIR

Voice of Music
6.02 *Music Clock*
7.07 *Bach: Suite for Violin and Viola da Gamba*; Handel: *Harp Concerto* (V. Laskine); Stamitz: *Quartet for Oboe, Violin, Viola and Cello*; Schubert: *March for Piano 4-hands*; Arensky: *Trio (L. Krasner)*; Grieg: *Norwegian Dances, Op.35*; Dancz: *Flute Concerto*; Gluck: *2 Arias from Orfeo* (Janet Baker); Mozart: *Excerpts from Le nozze di Figaro*, arranged for Wind Octet; Bach: *Trio Sonata from The Musical Offering* (James Galway, Kyung Wha Chung); Weber: *Piano Quartet, Op.35*; Balakirev: *Piano Concerto No.2* (Michael Ponti); D'Indy: *Symphony No.2*
12.00 *Oscar Roemer: Sextet (Wind Sextet of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra)*; Tchaikovsky: *5 Romances (Raya Shapiro, Sara Fuyun-Hayman)*; Liszt-Busoni: *Fantasy on 2 Themes from Le nozze di Figaro* (Karel Klein)
13.05 *Ruvimov: 3 Pieces for Cello Ensemble and Orchestra (Osawa)*; Corelli: *Concerto in G major*; Debussy: *Bell Song from Lakme* (Maria Callas); Dvorak: *Nocturne*; Barzani: *Toccata and Capriccio* (Karl Rosen, Rodan); Vivaldi: *Concerto for 2 Trumpets, Respighi: Adagio and Variations* (Andre Navarra); Gluck: *Excerpts from Orfeo*; Debussy: *L'après-midi d'un faune* (New Philharmonia, Boult); Tchaikovsky: *Encores*; Sibelius: *Finlandia* 15.00 *The History of Music*
15.30 *Youth Programme*
16.30 *Purgatory: Sabat Mater*; Vivaldi:

Glenn, Coprin, Att. Hymn; Max Zenger Song, Bach, Choral

18.00 *Portrait and Autobiography*

18.05 *Live*

20.10 *The Feast of St. James at the Greek Orthodox Church*

20.30 *The Rival National Choir, Stanley Sperber conducting, with Meir Ramon and Shlomo Shoshon, horns, Ruth Mariani, harp, Ronit Eisenberg-Haral, organ and piano — works by Morales, Haydn, Hurler Bruckner and Brahms (live broadcast from the Jerusalem YMC)*

23.00 *Music for the Night*

01.10 *Famous Artists in Historical Recordings*

First Programme

6.05 *Programme for Olim*

7.30 *High Classical Music — Works by Vivaldi, Tartini, Spohr, Chopin, Liszt, Paul McCartney and others*

9.30 *Programme in Easy Hebrew*

10.05 *Encounter — live family magazine*

11.00 *Elementary School Broadcasts*

11.30 *Education for all*

12.05 *Sephards songs*

13.00 *News in English*

14.05 *Children's programme*

15.25 *World of Science (repeat)*

15.35 *Notes on a New Book*

16.05 *Free Period — live education magazine*

17.12 *Teach Ideas*

17.20 *University*

18.05 *Afternoon Classics*

18.40 *Bible Reading — Chronicles II*

21.11

19.05 *Lesson in Tanit by Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz*

19.30 *Programmes for Olim*

Sports

Unhappy birthday for Pakistani Imran Kahn

BRISBANE (AP). — Rain and wickets fell on Imran Khan's birthday at the second cricket test between Pakistan and Australia at the "Gabbra" here on Friday and Saturday.

The charming Pakistani tour captain turned 31, but his birthday celebrations were not too memorable, as the tourists plunged to a meagre first innings total of 156 after heavy showers disrupted play three times.

"I can remember better birthdays," Imran said. He is out of the Test because of a stress fracture of the shin.

Australia are 273 for four in reply. Pakistan crumbled before Australia's fearsome pace quartet of Geoff Lawson (5 for 49), Rodney Yagg, Carl Rackemann and Dennis Lillee. Only Zaher Abbas, the topcap captain, with 56, offered any kind of opposition.

In Bombay, India put themselves in a strong position in the fourth cricket test yesterday by piling up

463 runs in the first innings. This is the second highest Indian score in the current series against the West Indies. West Indies openers Gordon Greenidge and Desmond Haynes faced three overs, two of them bowled by spinners, but failed to score a single run.

Dilip Vengsarkar made exactly 100, Ravi Shastri 77 and Roger Binny 65.

In Cape Town, Surrey County batsman West Indian Monte Lynch, defying threats of sanctions for playing in South Africa, scored the first century of the rebel West Indian cricket tour on Friday on the opening day of a three-day match against Western Province.

West Province were 41 for two when bad light stopped play in reply to the West Indies' first innings total of 291 all out. Lynch, who decided this week to stay on the tour despite a plea from Surrey that he return to England, his adopted home, scored 105 off 114 balls, with 14 fours and a six.

Foes of apartheid get match cancelled

CAPE TOWN (AP). — An exhibition cricket match scheduled to take place today against the rebel West Indies side has been called off because of a political dispute between rival sports bodies.

The "Windies" were to have played a multi-racial invitational game from the Elsie River area near Cape Town on an off-day during the current three-day match against Western Province.

But the local black cricket organization, which backs the international boycott against sports tours of South Africa, opposed the match and planned demonstrations.

The local cricket body lost a court appeal against the exhibition on Friday. But the sponsors of the exhibition decided to call it off anyway rather than risk a confrontation with protesters at the grounds that could subject the rebel cricketers to "unpleasantness."

Veteran Malone gives rookie Sampson a lesson

NEW YORK (AP). — It was the 51st confrontation between professional basketball's resident superman and the rookie who just might take his place. Not unexpectedly, the veteran taught the kid few things.

Moses Malone, the three-time most valuable player in the National Basketball Association, led this champion Philadelphia 76ers to a 5-101 triumph over Ralph Sampson and the Houston Rockets Friday night. Malone scored 24 points to Sampson's 20 and had 13 rebounds to seven for the rookie d first pick in the NBA draft.

Malone was especially effective in the lane and under the basket, his vate domain, as Philly outscored Houston 57-41 in the second half before a sellout crowd.

"The best team should win the game and that's what happened here," Malone said. "This was a battle between Ralph and me. 's a team player and so am I. The story is what counts."

Elsewhere, it was Utah 126, over 124; Phoenix 120, Chicago 108; Los Angeles 147, New Jersey 123.

Holmes K.O.'s Frazier in 1st

S VEGAS (Reuter). — World ring Council heavyweight champion Larry Holmes stopped Marvin Frazier in the first round of a scheduled 12-round non-title fight Friday night. The referee stopped the bout after two minutes and seconds.

Frazier was able to land only a light, ineffective blow before was sent to the canvas by wicked lefts to the jaw and head. The victory was Holmes' 45th in a row and 32nd by knockout. When referee Lane stopped the

Dennis Johnson had 25 points to pace Boston to their 109-102 victory over the Hawks, thus breaking a four-game losing streak. Dan Roundfield had 23 points and Eddie Johnson 22 for Atlanta, which is 7-0 at home and 0-4 on the road.

The Trail Blazers beat the Sonics 100-90, and thus remain in a tie with the Lakers for the top spot in the Pacific Division. Taking control by outscoring Seattle 29-10 in the second quarter, Kenny Carr led the way with 18 points. Jack Sikma had 20 and 14 rebounds for Seattle.

bout, Frazier's father Smokin' Joe embraced his son in their corner and Holmes came over to console both father and son.

The World Boxing Council had refused to sanction the fight for the title because Frazier is not ranked in its top 10.

In Vancouver, American Michael Spinks retained the undisputed world light-heavyweight boxing title when he stopped Peruvian challenger Oscar Rivasdeneyra in the 10th round of their scheduled 15-round bout here on Friday night.

How are the mighty fallen

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter

NETANYA. — Netanya coach Mordechai Spiegler has demanded an urgent meeting with the Club management, following his team's crushing 3-1 rout at home by Hapoel Tel Aviv yesterday. This defeat puts last year's runaway victory at the bottom of the league table and makes them candidates for relegation at the end of the season, unless their play is drastically transformed.

They have let no fewer than 19 goals go past the clutching fingers of goalkeeper Arie Alter into the net, almost twice as many as any other team. At least two goals have been scored against them in each match, five of them at home.

"This was our worst game of the season: things cannot go on like this any longer," Spiegler declared after yesterday's debacle.

But few soccer pundits would agree with Spiegler on his team's play yesterday. While serious post-mortems will have to take place about the defence, in which internationalists like goalkeeper Arie Alter, Haim Bar and David Pizanti play regularly, the rest of the team more than matched Hapoel for the first 60 minutes.

Levy opened the scoring for Hapoel in the 5th minute, but David Lavie levelled for Netanya from a Moshe Gariani pass in the 18th minute. In the 34th minute, Referee Ovadia Ben Yitzhak sent off Gariani and Hapoel's Eli Cohen for engaging in a personal fracas. Levy scored within a minute, with Alter at fault. In the 60th minute Rafi Shmuel made it 3:1 from a Gil Landau pass and four minutes before the end Hapoel's Moshe Sinai clinched the final result after winding his way past the home defence.

In Beersheba, Eli Ohana, 19, finally found his shooting boots yesterday by cracking in two goals in the first 12 minutes to give Betar Jerusalem a 2-0 win over Hapoel Beersheba before 10,000 disappointed Negev fans.

The win kept Betar at the top of the National League, but only just. They have a fractionally better goal average than Hapoel Tel Aviv, who

scorched to a 4:1 away win over Maccabi Netanya before 10,000 in Netanya. Shabtai Levy scoring the first two goals for the Tel Avivians.

After more than a dozen misses of good scoring chances in earlier matches this season, Eli Ohana headed Betar into the lead in the 7th minute from an Uri Malmillian cross and within four minutes notched his second after a corner by Danny Neuman. After that start, Betar withdrew to play a mainly defensive game in which their reserve goalkeeper Uri Swissa played an outstanding role.

It was a day of remarkable results with no home team winning in either the first or second divisions. It was also a day of many red and yellow cards being shown to players. Hakoah's Moshe Abusir saw red and an unusual sending off was administered in Beersheba, where the home coach Eliahu Ofer ordered off his veteran centre forward Shalom Avitan for hitting a team-mate, Victor Ohion, in the 80th minute leaving his team with ten men. Beersheba fans saw this act as courageous leadership by Ofer, a former Beersheba player.

The shock result of the day was Maccabi Petah Tikva's 5:1 trouncing of Betar Tel Aviv, at the latter's Hatikva Quarter home ground. Avi Gozlan, 20, got a hat-trick, scoring in the 18th, 26th and 61st minutes. But it was Ilan Ben-Dror, the scorer of the other two goals in the 88th and 90th minutes, who caused most of the local ripples. Ben-Dror recently returned here from playing for Maccabi Los Angeles and professional clubs in the U.S. with Maccabi Petah Tikva he is following in the footsteps of his family, for his grandfather, father, uncles and cousins have all worn the white and blue shirts of the club.

The more highly placed Betar Tel Aviv imagined they would have an easy afternoon of it, and played much too leisurely. Betar's reserve goalkeeper Ayver Oved had an embarrassing 90 minutes. Betar also badly missed their star midfielder juggler Nissim Cohen and goalie Avi Lieberman. Eran Bendori scored their goal in the 86th minute.

The Maccabi Haifa machine is not running smoothly.

Liverpool held

LONDON (Reuter). — Liverpool, chasing their 15th league crown and their seventh in nine seasons, drew 1-1 yesterday with Ipswich, at Portman Road, where the champions have not won for four years.

That record looked like continuing when England striker Paul Mariner crashed a shot against the post just before half-time and then Mark Walters hit a ball past Bruce Grobbelaar in the 60th minute.

But Liverpool, with Irishman Ronnie Whelan back in midfield for the first time for seven months, again proved they are most dangerous when a goal down, as Daighish, the most capped Scot of all time, struck to earn them a vital point. This was his 100th goal in Scottish and English soccer, an all-time record for any player.

Tottenham have not won the First Division title since their historic double, the Championship and Football Association Cup (FA) Cup, in 1961.

But they have climbed menacingly in recent weeks to within sight of the top after an indifferent start to the season. Falco, his 33rd minute equalizer after a mistake by Rangers' goalkeeper Peter Hucker, who parried an indirect free kick from Glenn Hoddle into his path.

Falco was on hand again to round off another Hoddle-inspired move in the 52nd minute before Archibald hammered the third. Terry Fenwick pulled back a goal for Rangers from the penalty spot 15 minutes from time.



The German Olympic team in action against Israel last week (JPPA)

Yesterday's draw moved Liverpool on to 31 points at the top of the table, but gave every incentive to West Ham and Manchester United, second and third respectively, both with 29 points. They did not play yesterday as they meet each other in a crucial encounter today, which is being televised "live" to the nation. The winner will move above Liverpool into first place.

Yesterday was a great day for Leicester and Wolverhampton, both struggling at the foot of Division One.

Leicester, with just one league win all season, rocked star-studded Arsenal 3-0, while Wolves, without a win in 20 games and without a goal in their last six, romped home to a 3-1 win at Birmingham against their neighbours West Bromwich Albion.

On-loan striker Danny Crannie was their hero. He lashed a left foot drive into the net after 51 minutes for Wolves' first goal for over a month and followed up two minutes later by rounding three men and scoring from 25 metres.

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Nick of time

By DON GOULD
Post Basketball Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Frank Brickowski and Joel Kramer represent the two major player changes in this year's version of the Maccabi Tel Aviv basketball team as the club prepares for the upcoming final pool matches of the European Cup.

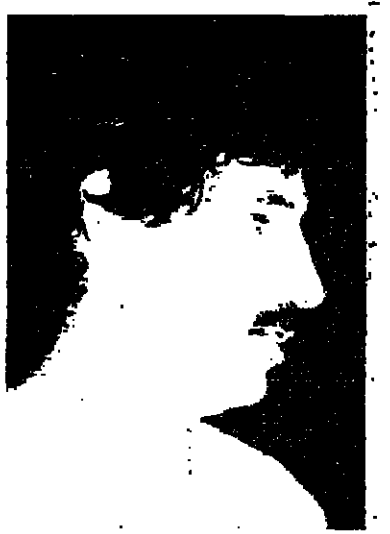
Both in their own ways have felt the pressure of stepping into the limelight of Israeli and European Championship basketball.

Brickowski, 27 years old and 2.06m, was a third-round draft choice of the New York Knicks. He never actually went to the tryouts, choosing instead to go directly to Europe to play here. His adjustment to Maccabi and to Israel has been slow, but positive, considering he has the unenviable task of being asked to fill the shoes of the now-departed Earl Williams.

Brickowski has proven to be a solid rebounder and capable scorer, who should and in his own confident opinion, will soon begin to put many more points on the scoreboard than he has done in matches until now.

When asked about the possibility of confronting Earl Williams head-on in the traditional Crystal Palace New Year tourney in London at the end of December, Frank says, "Actually I'm looking forward to it. It should be fun. I've heard so much about him. I feel as if I know him well already."

The legacy of Williams has also affected Joel Kramer, 27 years old and 2.01. Visitors to Kramer's apartment note the message, "I love you," emblazoned below his name on the post box. The inscription might lead one to imagine that Kramer already has a devoted following in Israel. He quickly explains, however, that Earl Williams used to reside in the very same apartment.



Joel Kramer (Gavriely)

Kramer has been to Israel five times, but the former Phoenix Sun player and San Diego State ace has not had an easy adjustment. In the last few weeks, however, he has come on powerfully and has begun to make a genuine contribution.

Kramer's problems may have been two-sided. Joel is the kind of player who will score 14 or 16 points, grab eight or nine rebounds, and hold down the opponent's top scorer. Yet when the game is over the average fan will barely remember he was on court.

Israeli fans figure that if a star played in the NBA, he should be able to score 30 points a game here. The level of sophistication and understanding of the game has not yet reached the point where fans can realize that Joel's multiple assets are equivalent to more than 25 or 30 points a game.

The real benefits could begin to accrue to Maccabi when their earnest fans begin to appreciate the specific kind of contribution that Kramer has to make. Fortunately, he has begun to adjust just in time — as Maccabi's task of trying to win another European Cup gets high gear.

Handicapped tennis

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The country's first international wheelchair tennis tournament will take place this week, when Israel meets the U.S. in a three-day contest at Ramat Hasharon's Israel Tennis Centre. The event gets under way at 2 p.m. tomorrow, and continues through Wednesday.

The tournament is sponsored by Gali Sport, together with Superpharm, and is organized by the ITC and Ilan's Sports Club for

the Handicapped in Ramat Gan. The competition will consist of 12 singles and three doubles matches, tennis centre executive director Ilan Froman said yesterday.

Representing Israel will be Ilan's top six wheelchair tennis players: Baruch Hagai, Shabi Ben-Yoram, Moshe Levi, Yoel Shafran, Shaul Vagima and Sasson Aharoni. All of them are also members of Israel's crack wheelchair basketball team and, in addition, are top international performers in fencing, swimming or table tennis.

Amzaleg run winners

Arieh Ganniel and Vered Hagoosh were the respective men's and women's winners in the 15-km Amzaleg-Memorial Run through the streets of Jerusalem last week. A total of 1,200 people took part in the annual event, which also included a 5,000-metre race. It commemorates David Amzaleg, a leading young Jerusalem athlete who was among the victims of the 1977 army helicopter crash in the Jordan Valley in which 54 paratroopers died.

Rozow again

Post Sports Staff

CAESAREA. — Issy Rozow, a 12 handicap golfer, scored a fine 79 gross on Friday. As a result, together with Effie Been, he tied with Gary Matz and Malcolm Steinfeld for first place with a 61 net in Friday's competition. Last Friday he won the Haney Trophy with a 78 gross. These remarkable scores will probably result in a decline in his handicap reminiscent of what has happened to shares on the Israel Stock Exchange.

Saturday's Betterball Competition also resulted in a tie, this one between Brian Fine-David Alkoby and Walter Rosenthal-Reuven Chaikin with a 65 net.

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Accadia tennis

TEL AVIV. — Seventeen-year-old Oren Kappas yesterday won the Dan Accadia tennis championship in Herzliya, beating Paul Goldstein 6-3, 6-2.

Helena Motro beat Carol Hymowitz 6-4, 6-2, "win the women's title, but Hymowitz pulled out of the match when she was down 6-0. She won the mixed doubles by beating Shmuel Reardon and George Wertheim 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.

African champs

NAIROBI (Reuter). — Kenya beat Zimbabwe 1-0 to win the East and Central Africa Challenge Cup Soccer Tournament for the third straight year here today, earning the right to keep the trophy. Striker Joe Muga scored the only goal of the final, volleying in a cross from the wing in the 76th minute.

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Pre-empting Washington

PRIME MINISTER Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Moshe Arens are leaving this morning for a series of important top-level talks with the leaders of the U.S. Administration. The Americans wanted to hold such talks as long as four months ago, but the last-minute decision last July by former prime minister Menachem Begin to cancel his visit to Washington accounted for this long postponement.

Much has happened since in this volatile part of the world, particularly with regard to the American attitude towards Israel's military presence in Lebanon and Washington's more sober assessment of Syria's real designs in the region. What started off last year as an attitude of near adversaries in Beirut between the U.S. Marines contingent of the Multinational Force and the IDF has been transformed into a situation of closer coordination and cooperation.

Last month's tragedy of the terrorist truck-bomb attack on the Marines and French paratroopers' headquarters in Beirut which took the lives of 239 Americans and 56 French servicemen, followed shortly by a similar truck-bomb attack on the IDF headquarters in Tyre, merely served as a painful reminder that the U.S. and Israel are facing a common enemy.

No wonder that Washington has again been speaking of the need for strategic cooperation with Israel, with particular emphasis on Lebanon and Syria. This attitude is said to have the support of President Reagan and Secretary of State Shultz, over the opposition of Secretary of Defence Weinberger. There is therefore a great deal to talk about in Washington on vital matters concerning both countries, in an atmosphere of much improved reappraisal by the U.S. from Israel's point of view.

Israel's urgent financial needs in view of its present dire economic situation are also likely to be given a sympathetic hearing by the leaders of the U.S. Administration at the present stage of increased understanding.

But it is sheer illusion to assume that this positive attitude towards Israel will prompt Washington to ignore what consecutive administrations have considered an issue central to the Arab-Israeli conflict: the need to find an equitable solution to the Palestinian problem and the future of the over one million Palestinian Arabs in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

The Reagan administration's concern in this regard was reiterated only 10 days ago by Secretary of State Shultz in his address before the Council of Jewish Federations in Atlanta, leaving no doubt that the Reagan initiative of September last year is still very much on the cards. Mr. Shultz also spoke in no uncertain terms about the need to freeze settlement activity, saying that the U.S. was "deeply concerned about the ongoing construction and expansion of settlements, unilaterally changing the status of the occupied territories even while their future is subject to negotiation."

It was therefore somewhat surprising to hear yesterday Prime Minister Shamir stating emphatically that the settlement issue was not even on the agenda of his talks in Washington this week and that Israel was certainly not considering any freeze of its settlement activity. If Mr. Shamir merely meant to remind Washington of his basic beliefs with regard to the future of Judea and Samaria, he could have worded his statement of principles accordingly. But to try to preempt Washington beforehand, saying that the settlement issue would not even be raised, amounts to a myopic policy.

Recent dramatic changes in relations between Syria, Yasser Arafat's PLO and Jordan are likely to bring about new developments which could have some bearing on prospects for a renewed peace process in the region. The least Jerusalem can do to forestall such developments is to show a more open-minded attitude which would put the onus for possible failure on the other side. The simple restatement of well-known dogmas just will not do.

Suicide in Academe

ISRAEL'S universities are sinking deeper into a financial morass that is largely not of their own making. Debts pile up, equipment deteriorates for lack of maintenance, students face an uncertain academic year, and the university staff wonder who will be the next among them to receive the dreaded dismissal notice.

The ironic element in this sad situation is that by giving the Treasury a few more weeks to come up with the \$2.5 billion owed from this year's budget, the heads of the universities have become unwitting accomplices in the Treasury's design to bleed the universities into submission. The Treasury wants to hold the regular budget allocations for ransom: they will fork them over only if the universities agree to further cuts. The "wait and see" attitude taken this past week by the heads of the universities only gives the Treasury more time to squeeze further concessions.

The heads of the universities and the Council for Higher Education have been warning over the past several months that the universities will be forced to close if they do not receive their allocations. It is becoming increasingly difficult to treat these warnings seriously. If things were as bad as the heads of the universities have claimed, then they should have shut their gates already. Politically this would be preferable for them, since it would force the Treasury to respond to the angry throngs of 60,000 students and 15,000 staff members suddenly forced into idleness.

Perhaps the heads of the universities and the council do not have the stomach for a messy public brawl. For its part, the Treasury must know that they are not eager to shut down classes and laboratories, and it would no doubt prefer to deal with a few professors and officials behind closed doors than face angry students and workers on the barricades.

But those responsible for higher education know that they are dealing with a band of senior Treasury officials who are apparently bent on pursuing a vendetta with the universities. These officials believe that the universities quietly conspired with the professors last year to maneuver the Treasury into paying higher salaries. Now they want to get back what an arbitration panel forced them to hand over earlier this year.

The universities can economize, but mainly through structural changes that take several years to engineer. Trying to use an axe instead of a scalpel to perform this necessary surgery will only maim the patient and incapacitate him for many years to come.

THE RIDDLE of the Histadrut defies true explanations. Though written off by many as a moribund trades union organization or an unsuccessful political contender for power, the Histadrut continues to thrive, proving that its leaders were right in asserting that no national problem can be settled without its consent. But its precise aims are unclear, possibly because the Histadrut is an extremely confused organization. It is a maze of compromises between strongmen and idealists, politicians and economists, unenterprising ordinary people and ambitious captains. The avowed target of the Histadrut is still, as it was at its inception, the establishment of an egalitarian society. The rest is maneuvering.

When, on the establishment of the state, the Histadrut's leadership was depleted (most of it went over to the Civil Service), what was left was a powerful organization without a specific goal. For a number of years its destinies were directed from Labour Party headquarters, until inflation and social malaise, aided by political incitement in the field, drove the Histadrut leaders to resist the dictation of the politicians.

Even such a devoted party man as Aharon Becker tried to put his foot down when he became secretary-general of the Histadrut. The present incumbent, Yeroham Meshel, used to stand up to Yehoshua

ISRAELIS often complain that they do not have many friendly governments abroad. Petrodollars, anti-Semitism and anti-democratic prejudice are usually invoked as explanations for this sad situation. Since all three factors are clearly not Israeli phenomena, it is easy to put the blame for them on others. But a closer look at Israel's international activities makes one wonder whether some of it should not be directed at those who formulate and implement this country's foreign policy.

Apparently, dealing with friends presents a greater challenge for Israel than standing up to her foes, real or imaginary. What resourcefulness was displayed by former premier Menachem Begin in its vitriolic attacks on the then German chancellor? How convincing are Israel's regular condemnations of governments currying favour with the Arabs? Yet when it comes to dealing with trustworthy friends, Israel's resourcefulness markedly subsides, particularly when no immediate political or military gains are in sight.

Costa Rica is a case in point. This small Central American republic has been, by every standard, the best friend Israel has ever had. Independence, dignity and profound respect for human life characterize Costa Rican democracy. A country of only three million people and closely tied up with American economic interests, Costa Rica did not hesitate to take an anti-U.S. position during the Falklands crisis. Nor did Costa Rica, heavily dependent on oil im-

A WAITING GAME

By SRAYA SHAPIRO

Rabinowitz, the Mapai-appointed minister of finance, with more vigour than he fights the Likud financial experts. Obviously, a split occurred between the political leadership and the bulk of the wage-earning members.

Much of the tension was political. One could easily decry the Communists, behind the Marxist-Zionist groupings, stimulating the first major encounter between the veteran Histadrut leadership and the newly-arrived rank and file as the Ashdod Port stevedores defied the organization's authority. The Communist subversion of the Zionist captains of the Histadrut began at the founding assembly in Haifa over 60 years ago, where speakers of the Democratic Party (a euphemism for the Communist group banned by the British administration) almost prevented the Histadrut from taking shape. And the process still goes on. Only recently, in a television confrontation, a Communist Histadrut leader exhorted the workers to demonstrate in the streets against Yoram Aridor's policies, while the representative of the Establishment

argued meekly that there was no profit in dislocating the country's economy just for the fun of shouting slogans. On the other hand, the Likud has not contributed to the stability of the Histadrut since they joined its ranks some 20 years ago. Indeed, many of the leading trade unionist trouble-makers in the past decade have been Herut key-men, who did not stop harassing the Histadrut — and the government, for that matter — even though the Likud was already in power.

No politician, of course, could have done much damage had there been a stable social and economic order — an impossibility for a country in a permanent state of war, with an immigrant population and ethnic disagreements. The Histadrut leaders were urged by power groups to ignore ideals and sponsor extravagant wage demands. To preserve their authority, they sometimes yielded to pressure. Egalitarian Yitzhak Ben-Aharon conceded the outlandish requests of the Electric Corporation employees, recalling the services rendered to the Hagana by its

workers back in Mandatory times. More often than not, the maverick groups would declare strikes against the advice of the Histadrut, which waited in splendid isolation until the strikers appealed to "the Kremlin" to negotiate with the employers on their behalf.

Waiting is probably the main strength of the Histadrut today. It is believed within the labour organization that the recent prolonged doctors' strike proved that no union, however important, can hope to win without the support of Big Brother Histadrut. Possibly, it is argued, the Histadrut would have changed the doctors' status gradually, preventing the eruption of the strike which nearly wrecked Israel's public health services. It is a fact that the engineers who followed the progress of the doctors' strike eagerly with the intention of breaking away from the Histadrut and forming a professional union with their self-employed colleagues, have so far done little in that direction.

Overshadowed by strikes and

cost-of-living tensions, the activities of the Histadrut never hit headlines. The original idea of organization, it may be recalled, was to form a working nation. Histadrut sponsored education well as the arts. It still does, though on a small scale. It maintains contacts with foreign workers' associations. It trains shop stewards, special courses. It has changed over the years. A call to its central committee would tens of thousands to demonstrate any issue.

So one should not be surprised one day the Histadrut re-emerge a dominant factor on our scene. Not because, like an arm is well disciplined and conscious its immediate targets. But because it is the only large voluntary body which is organized. Moreo it has a moral *raison d'être*. Leaders profess an ideal. Its mutual aid institutions are exemplars perhaps for that reason.

The political influence of Histadrut factions is waning progressively. A day may come when a leadership from within the organization rejects the tutelage of the party. After all, the Histadrut is the man in the field. What might happen if the field were to make his decisions? That is the great enigma.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

Friendship disdained

By YAKOV M. RABKIN

ports, fear Arab reaction when it moved its embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. While the few embarrassed Europeans were withdrawing their diplomats to the coastal plain, Costa Rica's flag was hoisted in the capital.

THIS IS an outcome of the principled foreign policy pursued by Costa Rica not only in the distant Middle East but, more significantly, in Central America as well. While the Sandinistas' victory in neighbouring Nicaragua would have been impossible without the support provided to the rebels by Costa Rica, today's Nicaragua is treated with a mixture of pity and concern.

"The unfortunate Nicaraguans," wrote Costa Rica's leading daily, *La Nación*, "topple one oppressive dictatorship only to find themselves oppressed by an even more ruthless regime aided by world experts in political violence: Cubans, Soviets, and East Germans."

Costa Ricans' concern for justice and human dignity may be unparalleled elsewhere in the world. In the wake of the Sabra and Shatila massacres, another Costa Rican daily, *La Republica*, praised Israel effusively for showing its moral strength and establishing a commission of inquiry.

"There are few countries which, so indignant at a suspicion of even indirect complicity in murder, would launch a commission of inquiry bound to embarrass their most prominent military and civilian leaders."

Nor does Costa Rica's difficult strategic position make it abandon the principle of non-violence in international affairs. Having abolished its army in 1949, Costa Rica boasts of having more schools than policemen. In contradistinction to the Latin American "macho" stereotype, Costa Ricans are proud to be militarily weak but morally strong and principled. Located in a most volatile and violent area of the world, Costa Rica does not conscript its young men, and relies on the rule of law in relations with its neighbours.

All these rare qualities made Costa Rica a candidate for this year's Nobel Peace Prize which, as we know, has gone to the no less deserving and daring recipient, Lech Walesa.

HOW DOES Israel treat such a noble friend? Mainly with indifference and cynicism. Once a country or a leader has proven to be a steady and loyal associate, Israeli policymakers lose all interest in

cultivating the relationship. Friends, unlike foes, are taken for granted in Jerusalem. This is not only morally distasteful (which causes little concern in Israeli political circles), but also unprofessional and myopic.

When François Mitterrand, an old friend of Israel, became president of France, Yitzhak Shamir, then only foreign minister, was interviewed on Kol Israel's French-language programme. Asked what he expected of the new president, Shamir gave a list of five things he thought Mitterrand should do in the Middle East. The interview embarrassed the French and made it very difficult for Mitterrand to do any of them.

A similar unprofessional and cynical attitude prevails in Israel's attitude towards Costa Rica. Rather than turning it into an example which would encourage other countries to establish their embassies in Jerusalem, Israeli foreign policy-makers take Costa Rica for granted.

Nothing was spared in wooing Zaire or Liberia, neither of which has an embassy here; but Costa Rica's very modest economic and technical needs are treated with in-

difference. While hundred trillions from developing countries whose governments often follow classic non-aligned (i.e., anti-) policies are brought here every at the taxpayers' expense, the country to open an embassy in Jerusalem may have to cane plans to send students to Tel Aviv for development training occur the lack of funds.

Neither is friendliness to Israel, nor the unusually prop economic conditions — a qualified manpower, social and preferential treatment by the for its exports — can pierce Israel's indifference. Despite prospects of long-term economic gains from joint Israeli-Costa ventures, our government leaders have not found the n to bring top economic person here for a business tour. The amplex can be multiplied regrettable ease.

It is time that the cultivat time-proven relations with old tions be made a high prior Israel's foreign policy. Sed and opportunistic overtures, at realizing a quick politit financial gain should make no consistent policies of main and deepening relations with few friends Israel has abroad country, however friendly, be taken for granted. No co however trustworthy, is "in I pocket."

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READERS' LETTERS

ISRAEL'S SPACE PROGRAMME

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I read with interest Mr. Kalet's letter of November 1 in which he refers to Professor Ne'eman's announcement that an Israeli astronaut may fly in the U.S. space shuttle. As Mr. Kalet suggested in his letter, we have already discussed and debated our space programme with many scientists and engineers in Israel and abroad. Mr. Burton Edelson, associate administrator for space science and applications in NASA, who visited us lately and met our officials, has offered some useful suggestions related to our future plans, emphasizing the following areas to be the most practical and productive: remote sensing, micro-gravity lab., bio-medical lab. and X-ray.

It is as a result of all these activities that the Israeli media have publicized our programmes in recent weeks. However, we wish to point out that the communication satellite mentioned in Mr. Kalet's letter is a commercial venture based on very large investments by private corporations. The Israeli Space Agency is not involved in its actual design or operation.

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